ECCC 'celebrity' prefers books to glare of TV lights

By AUSTIN BISHOP
Star staff writer

DECATUR — Last week Cay Clark was a celebrity. This week she's just another student at East Central Community College.

She much prefers this week to last, even though all last week she bathed in the national spotlight and was featured on national news shows.

"It's all kind of overwhelming," she said. "I've gotten more publicity in a week than I've ever had. I really don't know if I like it too much."

On Tuesday, Clark was one of just 20 junior college students nationwide honored by Phi Theta Kappa, the International Honor Society for two-year colleges, and by USA Today as a member of the Academic All-American Team.

The more than 400 students were first nominated by their respective two-year colleges and then were subjected to three rounds of judging that took four months to complete. The students' academic and extracurricluar accomplishments, faculty recommendations, presidential nominations and personal essays were considered by the judges.



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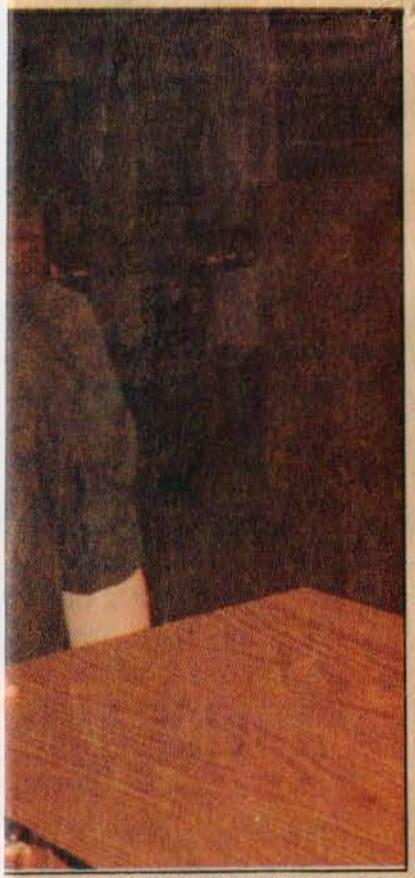
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in the ECCC library, than facing a television camera. But, comfortable or not, Clark handled it well.

In her separate television interviews on "CBS This Morning" and a local CBS affiliate in Jackson, she performed like a veteran of live interviews.

And, one thing stood out: She loves Mississippi.

"A lot of young people are getting their degrees and leaving the state," she said. "If that's what they want to do that's fine, but I want to return to Mississippi some of the things that it's given me. I think the morals and work ethics you learn here are invaluable."

Clark, who plans to be a pre-law student at the University of Mississippi next fall, says she knows she may be giving up monetary gains by staying in the state.

"But, there's more to it than that," she said. "You have to stand for something and you should remember where you came from."

Despite her 4.0 grade point average, her numerous high school and community college honors, and now being chosen as one of the 20 most oustanding students at this country's 1,100 two-year colleges, which earned her a $2,500 cash award, she still insists she's "really nothing special."

"I'm just myself, and I'm happy with that," the native of Chunky said.

ECCC President Dr. Eddie Smith says Clark is a special student and person.

"She's something special," Smith said. "She does what it takes to get the job done, and doesn't mind hard work. She has made us very proud, and we're appreciative of that.

"Cay is a great example of a high school student who has the ability to compete academically anywhere she wants to, going to a junior college and getting a quality education," he said.

"I was going to go to a four-year school, but then I decided I should stay closer to home for my first two years," Clark said. "It's a decision I've never regretted, and it's one I would make the same way over-and-over again."

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ALL-USA JUNIOR COLLEGE A

Many paths to success i

By Pat Ordovensky
USA TODAY

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — Twenty students, representing the best academic talent at the nation's two-year colleges, today are named to the All-USA Academic First Team.

Winners were selected by Phi Theta Kappa, honorary fraternity at two-year campuses, in cooperation with USA TODAY and the American Association of Community and Junior Colleges.

Twenty students each also are named to second and third all-USA teams.

The top 20 get a trophy and $2,500 cash award today at the AACJC convention here. The ceremony will be broadcast live over the Community College Satellite Network starting at 10 a.m. EDT.

"Outstanding academic talent certainly is not confined to four-year colleges," says Tom Curley, USA TODAY president, who will present the awards. "This expands our commitment to recognize and to encourage scholarly achievement anywhere."

Similar All-USA Academic Teams offer national recognition and cash awards to high school and four-year college students.

Today's winners were selected, in a three-step judging process, by panels of educators assembled by Phi Theta Kappa. More than 400 students were nominated by their college presidents.

Judges considered grades, activities in college and high school, community and public service, academic honors and awards and faculty recommendations. Heavy weight was given to a student's essay describing a highlight of the two-year college experience.

First-team members reflect the variety of the 5.7 million students at community, junior and technical colleges.

Their majors range from pre-medicine to hospitality management to aviation maintenance. Their grades average 3.86 on a scale in which 4.0 means all A's.

Their ages range from 19 to 55, averaging 28.7. Three are over 40, seven are at least 30.

Each comes with a resume full of social commitment.

The oldest winner, David Berggren, 55, of Honolulu, crosses Hawaii speaking on substance addiction. He's in Alcoholics Anonymous. He also manages a homeless shelter and volunteers with a service for the deaf.

One of the youngest, Scot Blehm, 19, of Scottsbluff, Neb., has overcome diabetes to make his college varsity basketball team.

"As a serious student-athlete," says Blehm, "I have spoken to many young children in elementary schools stressing the importance of a quality education, striving for good grades and making smart choices."

Judith Levings, 43, of Moberly, Mo., single mother of three, already has a daughter with a college degree. Levings now makes speeches from Georgia to Texas extolling the virtues of going to college.

Eric Halamka, 19, of Port Huron, Mich., says he became a poet after taking a poetry class and has invented a style he calls a six-line poem.

"The six-line poem," he says, "is like any other form of poetry such as the sonnet or the limerick but with one exception: I made it up."

Twenty of the nation's best high school students will be honored May 17 on the fifth annual All-USA High School Academic Team. The second All-USA College Team was announced in February.

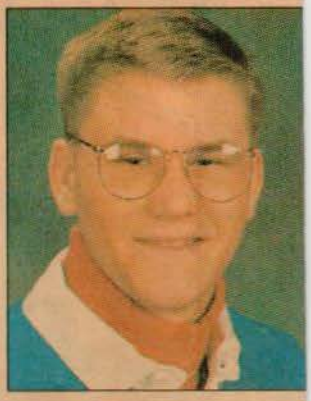
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FIRST TEAM



David Berggren

Honolulu Community College, Hawaii
▶ **Age:** 55
▶ **GPA:** 3.68
▶ **Major:** Liberal arts
▶ **Goal:** Master's in social work
▶ **Activities:** Manager, shelter for homeless families; speaker on alcohol addiction; volunteer, Hawaii Service on Deafness; Alcoholics Anonymous; Hawaii Ecumenical Housing.



Scot Blehm

Western Nebraska Community College, Scottsbluff, Neb.
▶ **Age:** 19
▶ **GPA:** 4.0
▶ **Major:** Pre-medicine
▶ **Goal:** Medical school
▶ **Activities:** Varsity basketball; speaks at elementary schools on importance of education, resisting drugs; counselor at camp for diabetics; United Methodist Sunday School teacher; baseball umpire; trumpeter; volunteer, police teen center.



Susan Ferber

Pierce College, Tacoma, Wash.
▶ **Age:** 38
▶ **GPA:** 3.7



Terri Frost

Frederick Community College, Maryland
▶ **Age:** 26
▶ **GPA:** 3.91

CADEMIC ALL-STARS

n two-year schools



Kelly Cain

Calhoun Community College, Decatur, Ala.
▶ **Age:** 20
▶ **GPA:** 3.78
▶ **Major:** Political science, psychology
▶ **Goal:** Bachelor's degree
▶ **Activities:** Volunteer in program to support at-risk, low-income middle school students; volunteer, Special Olympics, Cancer Society, Salvation Army, Governor's Conference on Drug Awareness.



Mary Clark

East Central Community College, Decatur, Miss.
▶ **Age:** 19
▶ **GPA:** 4.0
▶ **Major:** Liberal arts
▶ **Goal:** Lawyer
▶ **Activities:** Pianist; piano tutor; choir and Bible school assistant, Baptist church; volunteer, summer reading program; state public speaking award, Future Farmers of America.



Tona Courrier

Potomac State College, Keyser, W.Va.
▶ **Age:** 20
▶ **GPA:** 4.0
▶ **Major:** Biology
▶ **Goal:** Bachelor's degree in biology
▶ **Activities:** Tutor in math, science; volunteer at Backbone Mountain Boys Camp for inner-city youth; missionary to Jamaica; volunteer at nursing home, food pantry, group that opposes abortion; advisory committee, Mineral County public schools.



Jeffrey Gardner

Madison Area Technical College, Wis.
▶ **Age:** 24
▶ **GPA:** 4.0



Ray Hager

Sauk Valley College, Dixon, Ill.
▶ **Age:** 26
▶ **GPA:** 3.95



Eric Halamka

St. Clair County Community College, Port Huron, Mich.
▶ **Age:** 19

Karen Brown, Wor-Wic Community College, Salisbury, Md.; business/accounting
Patricia Capo, Allegheny County Community College, Pittsburgh; social work
Deborah Conary, Fayetteville (N.C.) Community College; business
Emily Decker, Brevard Community College, Cocoa, Fla.; art
Brian Garrard, Lincoln Trail College, Robinson, Ill.; physical education
Jimmy Harris, North Arkansas Community College, Harrison; secondary education/English
Anthony Hebert, Louisiana State U./Eunice; computer science/math
April Lowry, Richland College, Dallas; international business
Alice Miller, St. Louis (Mo.) Community College; liberal arts
Barbara Moore, Northwestern Michigan College, Traverse City; history/English
Juli Morgan, Andrew College, Cuthbert, Ga.; psychology/social work
Brian Piland, Highline Community College, Des Moines, Wash.; business
Wendy Robison, Beaver County Community College, Monaca, Pa.; nursing
Nancy Sabelko, Chippewa Valley Technical College, Eau Claire, Wis.; mechanical design
Daren Scroggie, Santa Fe Community College, Gainesville, Fla.; medicine
Ruth Smith, St. Petersburg Junior College, Palm Harbor, Fla.; elementary education
Margaret Surbaugh, Lexington (Ky.) Community College; dental hygiene
Deanne Taylor, North Shore Community College, Lynn, Mass.; engineering

THIRD TEAM

Leonard Benton, Broward Community College, Davie, Fla.; electrical engineering
Mary Brown, Midland (Texas) College, business
Vinnie Drew, Genesee Community College, Batavia, N.Y.; office technology
Susan Graham, Northern Oklahoma College, Tonkawa; social science
John Harris, Atlantic Community College, Mays Landing, N.J.; criminal justice
Marilyn Jacobcik, Lorain County Community College; Elyria, Ohio; business
Kenneth Kerr, Brazosport College, Lake Jackson, Texas; chemical engineering
Deborah Koonce, American River College, Sacramento, Calif.; agricultural economics
Jennifer Lehtinen, Ulster County Community College, Stone Ridge, N.Y.; liberal arts
Terri Leon, GateWay Community College, Phoenix; business
Diana Lutz, Madisonville (Ky.) Community College; journalism
Michael Lyles, Wilkes Community College, Wilkesboro, N.C.; computer science
Wanda Martin, El Reno (Okla.) Junior College; elementary education
Donna Miller, University College, Bangor, Maine; health information technology
Amy Peters, Iowa Central Community College, Fort Dodge, Iowa; political science
John Talman, Brunswick (Ga.) College; business
Tina Treece, Westark Community College, Fort Smith, Ark.; nursing
Chris Tucker, Pratt (Kan.) Community College; art education/graphic arts
Jane Welty, North Hennepin Community College, Brooklyn Park, Minn.; civil engineering
Wesley, Lurleen Wallace Junior College, Andalusia, Ala.; electrical engineering

mission; legislative chair, high school PTA; student rep, faculty tenure committee; curriculum panel, Franklin Pierce School District.

college flying club; instructor, theatrical sound and lighting; produces tapes, slide shows for church, schools, Washington Public Assistance Fund.



Rene Holmes

Cuyahoga Community College, Cleveland, Ohio
▶ **Age:** 30
▶ **GPA:** 3.38
▶ **Major:** Pre-medicine
▶ **Goal:** Oncologist
▶ **Activities:** Student rep, college board of trustees; mentor to at-risk students; teaches literacy skills to senior citizens; volunteer, Children's Hospital; youth coordinator, mayoral campaign.



Elva Josephson

Brookdale Community College, Lincroft, N.J.
▶ **Age:** 21
▶ **GPA:** 4.0
▶ **Major:** Business
▶ **Goal:** MBA
▶ **Activities:** Chair, Committee to Have State Fulfill Financia Commitment to Community Colleges; member, state student advisory board on financial aid; tutor in accounting, algebra; volunteer, environmental cleanup.



Terrell Ringer

Sinclair Community College, Dayton, Ohio
▶ **Age:** 25
▶ **GPA:** 3.81
▶ **Major:** Business administration
▶ **Goal:** Master's in international business
▶ **Activities:** Navy veteran; coordinator, Dayton Hunger Project; peer mentor for college minority recruitment and retention program; volunteer, neighborhood priority board; intern, City of Dayton planning and development office.



Suzan Seer

Brookhaven Ccege, Farmers Branc Texas
▶ **Age:** 27
▶ **GPA:** 3.63
▶ **Major:** Nursig, gerontology
▶ **Goal:** Master in gerontology
▶ **Activities:** CR instructor for American Hart Association and Red Cross; volunteer at soi kitchen and shelter for omeless in Dallas; volunte adopt-a-pet program fonomeless animals; hospit volunteer.

Lutheran church; volunteer Big Brother; staff, Special Olympics, Boy Scouts.

instructor for Illinois Conservation Dept.; coordinator, Special Olympics; volunteer, Salvation Army, Lutheran Social Services; volunteer in political campaigns.

instructor; puppeteer; soup kitchen volunteer; organized student support for passage of school tax levy.



Judith Levings

Moberly Area Community College, Mo.
▶ **Age:** 43
▶ **GPA:** 3.94
▶ **Major:** Communications
▶ **Goal:** College PR director
▶ **Activities:** Mother of three, including college graduate; motivational speaker on advantages of college education; 4-H leader in photography, sewing; member, county fair board; story lady, public library; volunteer in political campaign.



Karen Marshall

Bucks County Community College, Newtown, Pa.
▶ **Age:** 33
▶ **GPA:** 3.95
▶ **Major:** Computer technology
▶ **Goal:** Degree in medical computer systems
▶ **Activities:** Organizer, community literacy program; fund-raiser for homeless; reader to nursing home residents; tutor in elementary school.



Cheryl Phinny

Tyler Junior College, Texas
▶ **Age:** 19
▶ **GPA:** 4.0
▶ **Major:** Accounting, taxation
▶ **Goal:** Master's in international business
▶ **Activities:** Peer tutor; pianist entertaining at nursing homes; coordinator, canned food drives; volunteer, voter registration drive.



Kathleen Simpson

Monroe Community College, Rochester, N.Y.
▶ **Age:** 41
▶ **GPA:** 3.86
▶ **Major:** English, women's studies, anthropology
▶ **Goal:** Bachelor's degree, English/women's studies
▶ **Activities:** Past president, New York Citizens Coalition for Children; adoption advocate, county Social Services Dept.; facilitator, Food for People Network; raised four children including two Vietnamese refugees; speaker on women returning to school.



Jake Slegers

Normandale Community College, Bloomington, Minn.
▶ **Age:** 31
▶ **GPA:** 4.0
▶ **Major:** Communications, music
▶ **Goal:** Bachelor's degree in speech/communications
▶ **Activities:** Farmer; tutor, college writing center; peer mentor for at-risk students; Boys Club counselor; church youth group leader.



Kimberly Wansley

Jones County Junior College, Ellisville, Miss.
▶ **Age:** 20
▶ **GPA:** 3.64
▶ **Major:** Business education, information processing
▶ **Goal:** Master's degree
▶ **Activities:** President, student government; coordinator, Special Olympics; tutor for illiterate adults; highway clean-up volunteer; Red Cross swim instructor; teacher, United Methodist church.







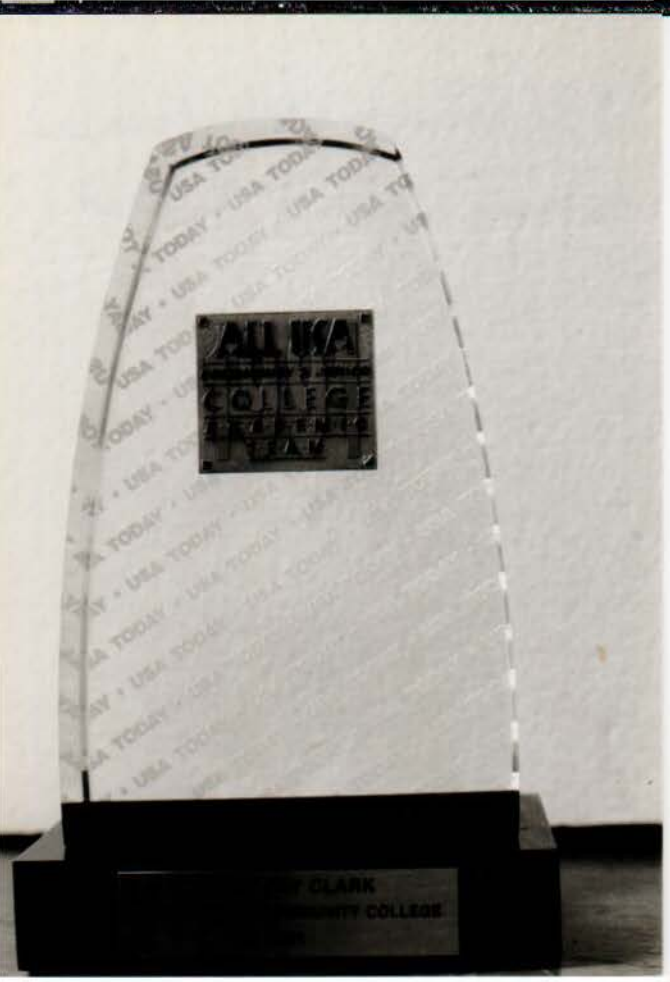






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Gov. Ray Mabus, Rod Risley (PTK Director)

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Mrs. Ann Burkes, Cay Clark, Dr. Shelby Harris


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Best Wishes, Kay Mahan

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Mrs. Ann Burkes
Mrs. Brenda Carson
Dr. Shelby Harris
Mrs. Sara Griffin
Mr. Harvey Trapp

FROM: Dr. Gerald White, Dean of Students

RE: Academic All-American Screening Committee

DATE: September 26, 1991

Attached to this memo are the materials required for the screening of prospective Academic All-Americans. Please review these materials and the names on the list. We will meet Thursday, October 3, at 2:00 p.m., to review the criteria and the names. Let's plan to identify the students we want to ask to participate in initial screening so they can begin preparation of their materials.

The schedule listed below should be followed:

October 3	Initial Committee Meeting
October 10	Contacts Made with Candidates
November 7	Committee meets to review initial candidate materials (edit and return for revision)
November 14	Committee meets to select finalists
November 18	Finalists materials sent to Dr. Smith
December 7	Nominee's materials arrive PTK headquarters

Thank you.

The following procedures are suggested for selecting a representative from East Central to compete for the national Academic All American Team:

1. The Scholarship Committee will screen prospects.

2. Send a copy of the criteria for selection and a list of students who are potentially eligible to the committee.

3. Require PTK membership, high GPA, participation in campus activities.

4. Committee selects two or three potential candidates for submission to the President for the final selection.

5. The committee's selections will be given to the President by the Thanksgiving Holidays. (The final deadline is December 7).

cc: Dr. Eddie M. Smith, President

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By: Senator(s) Montgomery To: Rules

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A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO COMMEND KIM WANSLEY AND MARY CLARK UPON THEIR SELECTION AS MEMBERS OF THE 1991 ACADEMIC ALL-AMERICAN TEAM FOR COMMUNITY, TECHNICAL AND JUNIOR COLLEGE STUDENTS; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

WHEREAS, Phi Theta Kappa, a Mississippi-based international honor society, in cooperation with USA Today and the American Association of Community, Technical and Junior Colleges, administers an annual competition to select an Academic All-American Team for Community, Technical and Junior College Students; and

WHEREAS, two Mississippi students were named to the 1991 team: Kim Wansley, who attends Jones County Junior College, and Mary Clark, who attends East Central Community College; and

WHEREAS, these outstanding Mississippi scholars were two of only twenty students who were chosen nationwide after presidents of 1,100 two-year colleges were invited to nominate students for the competition and after the nominees participated in three intensive rounds of judging over a period of four months; and

WHEREAS, the members of the 1991 Academic All-American Team represent the best and brightest of the nation's two-year college students; and

WHEREAS, the excellence of Mississippi's students and of the programs offered by its junior and community colleges is evidenced by the presence of Kim Wansley and Mary Clark among the elite group of the Academic All-American Teams:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MISSISSIPPI STATE SENATE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING THEREIN, That we

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be presented to Kim Wansley and Mary Clark and to East Central Community College and Jones County Junior College.

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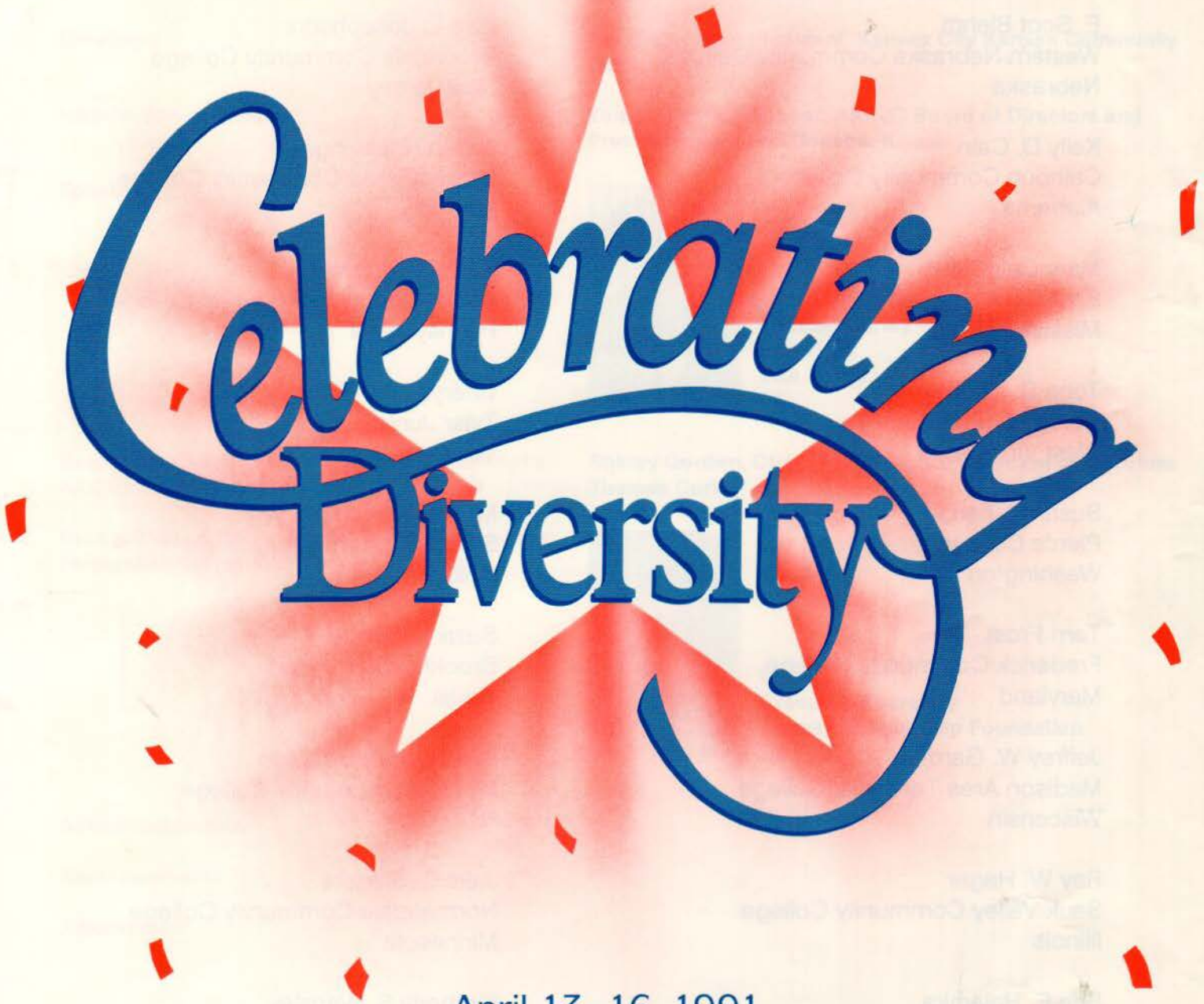
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Cheryl Lynn Phinny
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Texas

M. Terrell Ringer
Sinclair Community College
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Brookhaven College
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Kathleen M. Simpson
Monroe Community College
New York

Jake C. Slegers
Normandale Community College
Minnesota

Kimberly S. Wansley
Jones County Junior College
Mississippi

Program

Presiding

John Keyser, Chair, AACJC Board of Directors and President, Clackamas Community College, OR

Call to Order

National Anthem

Nicholas Zammerelli, Student Government President, Community College of Rhode Island, RI

Greetings

Bill R. Spencer, President, Kansas City Kansas Community College, KS

Introduction of Speaker

Zelema Harris, Member, AACJC Board of Directors and President, Parkland College, IL

Speaker



Thomas Curley
President
USA Today
VA

Recognition of 1991 *USA Today*/Phi Theta Kappa/ AACJC Academic All-American First Team

Shirley Gordon, Chair, Phi Theta Kappa Board of Directors
Thomas Curley

Recognition of 1991 Harry S. Truman Scholarship Foundation Community College Scholars



Louis Blair
Executive Secretary
Truman Scholarship Foundation
DC

Acknowledgments

Announcements

Adjournment

1991 Harry S. Truman Scholarship Foundation Community College Scholars

Gail Brown
Madison Area Technical College
Wisconsin

Cynthia Crain
Tarrant County Junior College
Texas

Denise Kato
Ventura College
California

John Oliver Gonzales
Northern Marianas College
Saipan

Larry Leach
Sinclair Community College
Ohio

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Association of Community and Junior Colleges
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TO: PRESIDENTS
FROM: George V. Moody gm
RE: Legislative Report No. 16
DATE: April 12, 1991

Members of the Legislature went home on Saturday, April 6, after extending the 1991 Session for "a period of more than three days." The intent is to return on April 23 for two to five days to consider the reapportionment of legislative districts. Since this is an extension of the regular session, joint rules may be suspended and other issues (such as sovereign immunity) may be considered.

Most of the bills on the enclosed Summary Of Bills Passed had not been approved by the Governor as of April 11. Those which had been included S. B. 2617, S. B. 2889, and S. B. 3127.

Proposals for group health insurance for public school and community college employees will be received in early June and award made by July 1. The plan should be available and effective September 1 or the beginning of the academic year. The optional proposal of a self-funded program has received the requested experience data from four or five colleges. If you are interested in this option for comparison, have that requested data sent to The Trusty Company.

This is the last of the weekly reports unless some action occurs in the extended session to amend or add to the Summary of Bills. I appreciate this opportunity to continue my association with you, your response and support when called on during the session, and the work that you and your staff do for the people of the State. Let me know if I may be of assistance in any way.

cc: State Faculty Association Officers
Dr. Olon Ray
William H. Bunch
Dr. Conrad Welker

cc: Dr. Brad Tucker
Mr. Harvey Trapp
Dr. Phil Sutphin
Mr. John Adcock
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GENERAL BILLS PASSED IN 1991 SESSION

Effective July 1, 1991, unless indicated otherwise.

H.B.451 Establishes Mississippi GAMING Commission to regulate schools that teach or train gaming employees. No such school shall be located on pubicly owned property , and no public school shall teach or train persons to be gaming employees.

H.B. 969 Amends Section 71-3-3 to exclude students of educational institutions who are participating in PRACTICAL TRAINING programs as part of such institution's curriculum from inclusion in coverage under the Worker's Compensation Law under certain circumstances. This bill excludes nurse trainees who do not receive wages as payment for participation in such practical training.

H.B.1110 Amends Section 37-22-1 and 3 to include agricultural high schools in EQUITY funding program of public schools.

H.B.1306 Amend Sec. 31-7-13, PURCHASING, to increase amount authorized to purchase with 2 written bids to $5,000; purchases to $500 require no quote;lawful purchases may be made upon one PO issued monthly per vendor; may set aside up to 20% of anticipated annual expenditure for minority businesses.

S.B.2005 "Mississippi RESPIRATORY CARE Practice Act"; requires the licensure of respiratory care practitioners by the State Board of Health; requires passage of an examinations; grandfather clause for current practitioners; establishes continuing education requirements for biennial renewal of license.

S.B.2038 Amend sections to extend IMMUNITY of state and political subdivisions until 1992; extend until Oct. 1, 1992 the effective date of Worker's Compensation Law for certain political subdivisions, including community and junior colleges; public school districts required to provide Worker's Comp effective October 1991, and pay from local funds (mandated exempt from tax limit) NOTE: THE CONFERENCE REPORT ON THIS BILL WAS RECOMMITTED ON 4/5 WHICH KILLED THE BILL. THE MATTER OF EXTENSION OF SOVERIGN IMMUNITY MAY BE CONSIDERED IN THE EXTENDED SESSION,4/23.

S.B.2172 Provide procedures and guidelines for DRUG AND ALCOHOL TESTING by public and private employers which may determine to require employees or applicants for employment to submit to such tests.

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S.B.2205 Reenacts "Mississippi NURSING PRACTICE Law" which regulates practice as a registered nurse or a licensed practical nurse. Section 73-15-3 et. seq.

S.B.2407 Establishes a group HEALTH INSURANCE plan administered by Dept. of Finance and Administration for employees of school districts and community and junior colleges;provides $5 million for costs of insurance for certificated employees of school districts; costs of such insurance for noncertificated employees of school districts and employees of community and junior colleges to be paid by employee and/or district; district eligibility requires 50% or more participation;pre-existing conditions covered first day for participating employees currently covered under a district sponsored group health plan, others covered for pre-existing conditions after one year.

S.B.2617 "Mississippi ATHLETIC TRAINERS License Act" defines and regulates practice of athletic trainer; establishes licensure based on National Athletic Trainer's Association Board of Certification, Inc. qualifications; establishes continuing education requirements for 3-year renewal of license; grandfathers persons actively engaged as an athletic trainer under certain conditions; prohibits use of titles "athletic trainer" or facsimile thereof unless licensed as provided by this act.

S.B.2704 Amends Section 25-4-103 (Ethics) to define material FINANCIAL INTEREST under the public official conflict of interest law.

S.B.2889 Various amendments to PUBLIC EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT SYSTEM; permits retirement at 25 years service at any age with no penalty; changes retirement formula by allowing 2% for all years above 25; increases employee contributions 0.75%, from 6.5% to 7.25%; no increase in employer's 9.75% contribution.

S.B.2411 OMNIBUS LOAN OR SCHOLARSHIP ACT OF 1991: consolidates administration of numerous loan and scholarship programs under BTIHL.

BILLS WHICH DID NOT PASS

H.B.1094 Authorize county boards of supervisors to levy up to one (1)
S.B.2240 mil for economic development activities at community/junior colleges. Died in Senate Finance Subcommittee (Keeton) and in House Ways & Means Subcomittee (Williams).

H.B.363 Repeal state income tax on state and federal pension retirement
H.B.619 funds, such tax imposed in 1990 Legislative Session. Died in Ways and Means Subcommittee (McMillan).

S.B.2060 Repeal limits placed on annual increases in county ad valorem taxes (10%) in the reappraisal laws of 1980. Passed Senate; Died in House Ways and Means Subcommittee (Williams).

S.B.2190 Transfer licensure of proprietary schools and colleges from State Department of Education to State Board for Community and Junior Colleges. Passed Senate; Died in House University and Colleges Committee (Wadkins).

S.B.2253 Award academic credit to members of National Guard or Reserves who were passsing and activated after 75% of semester. Passed Senate; Died in House Universities and Colleges Committee.

S.B.3046 Increases Taxes and/or fees and assessments. Passed Senate; Failed on House Floor.

S.B.3150 Capital Improvements Bonds; proposed $100 million, including $10 million for community and junior colleges; Passed Senate; Died in House Ways and Means Subcommittee (Hines).

Other bills which died in original committees included those to:

- abolish SBCJC and tranfer its duties to BTIHL
- add one member to local board of trustees for each $50,000 of annual support and maintenance funds provided by county.
- prohibit salary reduction language in faculty contracts
- create employment procedures law for CJCs
- create joint committee to study placing CJCs under BTIHL
- provide tuition grants to all needy, qualified students
- tuition grants to students attending private colleges
- amend Constitution to revise conflict of interest provisions
- establish a sports injury fund

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PHI THETA KAPPA

Presidents Breakfast

Tuesday, April 16, 1991
Westin Hotel Kansas City, Missouri

Program

Welcome Murray Leith
1991-92 President
Phi Theta Kappa
College of Du Page
Glen Ellyn, Illinois

Introductions Rod Risley
Executive Director, Phi Theta Kappa

Academic All-American Team Dr. Shirley B. Gordon
First Team Members
Chairman, Phi Theta Kappa Board of Directors

National Media Coverage Mike Watson
Director of Public Relations, Phi Theta Kappa

Leadership Program Update John Clemens
Leadership Program Coordinator, Phi Theta Kappa

Society Overview Rod Risley

We will interrupt our Breakfast program for CBS' "This Morning" and coverage of the Academic All-American Team to be shown as it is aired.

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DECATUR, MISSISSIPPI 39327

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OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

601-635-2111

May 6, 1991

Mr. Tom Curley, President
USA Today
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Dear Mr. Curley:

On behalf of the students, administration, faculty, and staff of East Central Community College in Decatur, Mississippi, I want to thank you for the involvement of USA Today in the AACJC/Phi Theta Kappa/USA Today Academic All-American recognition program. We at East Central were fortunate in that a student from our college, Miss Mary Cay Clark, was selected as one of the First Team winners.

The value of the coverage and support provided by USA Today for the Academic All-American program is immeasurable. The recognition of excellence as provided for our two-year colleges by USA Today will definitely help to further develop the positive image that our community, junior, and technical colleges deserve.

We certainly hope that USA Today will remain a strong partner in the Academic All-American recognition program.

Thank you! Thank you!

Sincerely yours,

Eddie M. Smith
President

EMS:las

bcc: Dr. Dale Parnell
Mr. Rod Risley
Miss Cay Clark
Mrs. Ann Burkes
Dr. Shelby Harris

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OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

601-635-2111

May 6, 1991

Ms. Pat Olsen, Producer
CBS THIS MORNING
[redacted]

Dear Ms. Olsen:

On behalf of the students, administration, faculty, and staff of East Central Community College in Decatur, Mississippi, I want to thank you for including the interviews of three of the first team AACJC/Phi Theta Kappa/ USA Today Academic All-American winners on your Tuesday, April 16, 1991, broadcast of CBS THIS MORNING. Miss Mary Cay Clark, an East Central student, was one of the students interviewed.

I know that you receive far more requests for interviews than you can accommodate. We greatly appreciate the time and attention that you gave to our Academic All-Americans and to our nation's two-year colleges.

We certainly hope that you will continue to highlight the noteworthy accomplishments of our community, junior, and technical college students in the future.

Thank you again for your consideration.

Sincerely yours,

Eddie M. Smith
President

EMS:las

bcc: Dr. Dale Parnell
Mr. Rod Risley
Miss Cay Clark
Mrs. Ann Burkes
Dr. Shelby Harris

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NEWS RELEASE

cc: Dr. Tucker ECCC
Dr. Sutphin
Mrs. Burkes
Dr. Harris
Mr. Johnston

NOT FOR RELEASE UNTIL WEDNESDAY, APRIL 17

Two Mississippi college students were named Tuesday to the 1991 Academic All-American Team for Community, Technical and Junior College Students. Kim Wansley of Jones County Junior College and Mary Clark of East Central Community College are among the 20 students selected nationwide for the prestigious team.

Last fall, presidents of 1,100 two-year colleges were invited to nominate students for the first annual Academic All-American Team competition. The team members were selected after four months and three intensive rounds of judging.

The winners will receive $2,500 cash awards as well as national publicity through biographical features of each winner in USA TODAY and live coverage of the recognition ceremony on the Community College Satellite Network. Three of the winning students, including Clark, were also interviewed live on national television Tuesday on "CBS THIS MORNING."

"These 20 students represent the nation's best and brightest two-year college students," said Rod Risley, Executive Director of Phi Theta Kappa, the Mississippi-based

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international honor society which administers the annual competition with the cooperative sponsorship of USA TODAY and The American Association of Community, Technical and Junior Colleges.

Wansley is an education major from Ellisville, Mississippi. While attending Jones County Junior College, she has maintained a 3.64 GPA and served as Student Government President.

She says one of her most meaningful collegiate experiences has been her participation in a Phi Theta Kappa-sponsored tutoring program for adult learners.

"Through this program, I have been able to help students learn many things which are beneficial to everyday life. They've learned to read things like road maps and dosages on medicine bottles. It is so rewarding to help others experience things they probably never would have enjoyed without the ability to read and write," said the 20-year-old sophomore.

Clark, a 19-year-old sophomore, is pursuing a liberal arts degree at East Central Community College. With a 4.0 GPA, Clark is active in Phi Theta Kappa, as well as another campus organization known as "Leaders Investing In The Future Of The Environment."

Clark, a native of Chunky, Mississippi, made her first national television appearance Tuesday when she was interviewed live on CBS Network's "CBS THIS MORNING" program.

She says her most rewarding collegiate experiences have come through her participation in East Central's Honors Program.

"Before enrolling in honors courses, I believed that teachers were supposed to take the initiative in the education process, that the process of educating students lay solely on their shoulders, that all of the motivation needed to encourage a student to learn should radiate from the instructor to the pupil...Participation in the Honors Program has allowed me to realize that once a student takes the initiative in the education process, there is no limit to what he or she can achieve."

Both students plan to continue their education at Mississippi senior institutions following their graduations from the two-year colleges in May. Wansley will transfer to the University of Southern Mississippi, while Clark will attend the University of Mississippi.

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For additional information, contact Mike Watson, Director o
Public Relations, at Phi Theta Kappa Headquarters: (800)
647-7662.

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April 17, 1991

Miss Cay Clark

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Dear Cay:

I want to take this means to again tell you how proud we are of you. You, as an AACJC/Phi Theta Kappa Academic All-American, have received a great honor and you have brought great honor to East Central Community College.

Cay, you have earned all of the acclaim you have received. And, because this is the case, it is extremely exciting just to imagine what the future holds for you!

During all of your recognition, you have conducted yourself in an exemplary manner. You have made us all so proud!

We at East Central stand behind you as you move forward from this point in your life. Best wishes for all of the wonderful tomorrows that lie before you.

With best personal regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

Eddie M. Smith

Eddie M. Smith
President

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cc: Dr. Phil A. Sutphin
Mrs. Ann Burkes
Dr. Shelby Harris

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INTERNATIONAL HEADQUARTERS

April 11, 1991

President Eddie Smith
East Central Community College
P.O. Box 129
Broad Street
Decatur, Mississippi 39327-0129

Dear President Smith,

I am delighted that your Academic All-American nominee has been selected to the First Team! Mary Cay Clark's selection to this prestigious team is indeed a reflection of your continuous commitment to Phi Theta Kappa and honor students at East Central Community College.

In honor of our two Mississippi First Team winners, we have scheduled several publicity events to ensure they receive the appropriate local acknowledgement, in addition to their national recognition.

Our Phi Theta Kappa Public Relations Department has confirmed the media events listed on the following pages for Mary Cay to participate in along with Kim Wansley of Jones County Junior College. I appreciate your assistance in arranging for Mary Cay to attend these events.

Sincerely,

Rod Risley
Executive Director

cc: Mary Cay Clark
Mrs. Anne Burkes

cc: Mrs. Burkes
Dr. Harris
Mr. Johnston
Dr. Sutphin
Dr. Tucker

Monday, April 15, 1991

What: Telephone Interview with Kathy Hayden, Clarion-Ledger Education Reporter.

When: 10:00 a.m. (A location for the phone interview will be arranged and announced in Kansas City).

Thursday, April 18, 1991:

What: Appearance on "MISSISSIPPI MORNING"
WJTV-TV, Channel 12, CBS

When: The interview is scheduled for 8:20-8:30 a.m.

Mary Cay and Kim should meet Rod Risley at the Phi Theta Kappa Headquarters no later than 7:20 a.m.

Wednesday, April 24, 1991:

What: Lunch/Interview at the University Club with Rod Risley and Danny McKenzie, columnist for the Clarion-Ledger.

When: The lunch is scheduled for 12 noon.

Mary Cay and Kim should meet Rod Risley at the Phi Theta Kappa Headquarters no later than 11:40 a.m.

Thursday, April 25, 1991:

What: Live radio interview on "The Cal Adams Show" on WSLI-AM.

When: The interview is scheduled for 10:00-10:40 a.m.

Mary Cay and Kim should meet Rod Risley at the Headquarters no later than 9:30 a.m.

What: Phi Theta Kappa Headquarters Lunch Forum.

Kim and Mary Cay will have the opportunity to meet our Headquarters staff and to visit with Ms. Irene Turner, Producer of "MISSISSIPPI SPEAKS", a Mississippi Educational Television program.

When: The lunch forum is scheduled for 11:00 a.m.

Kim and Mary Cay will ride from the radio station back to the Headquarters with Rod Risley.

What: Photo Opportunity with Governor Ray Mabus.

Kim, Mary Cay, Dr. Terrell Tisdale, Dr. Eddie Smith, Dr. Olon Ray and Rod Risley will meet at the Governor's Office at the State Capitol for a photograph session.

When: The photograph session is scheduled for 1:00 p.m.

All participants should meet at the Governor's Office no later than 12:55 p.m.

In addition to the aforementioned publicity events, our Public Relations Department has also made telephone calls and faxed press releases to the following Mississippi media:

Media: WJTV-TV, Channel 12, Jackson CBS affiliate
Contacts: Walter Sadler (News Anchor) and Sean McLaughlin (Reporter)

Media: WAPT-TV, Channel 16, Jackson ABC affiliate
Contact: Vickie Taylor (Assignment Editor)

Media: WLBT-TV, Channel 3, Jackson NBC affiliate
Contact: Tim Powell (News Director)

Media: WTOK-TV, Channel 11, Meridian ABC affiliate
Contact: John Johnson (News Director)

Media: WTZH-TV, Channel 24, Meridian CBS affiliate
Contact: Stan Torgerson (News Director)

Media: WDAM-TV, Channel 7, Hattiesburg NBC affiliate
Contact: Eric Reed (News Producer)

Media: WHLT-TV, Channel 22, Hattiesburg CBS affiliate
Contact: Walter Johns (News Director)

Media: Meridian Star Newspaper
Contact: Austin Bishop (Regional Editor)

Media: Laurel Leader-Call Newspaper
Contact: Steve Swogetinski

Media: Hattiesburg American Newspaper
Contact: Troy Turner (City Editor)

Media: Public Radio of Mississippi (PRM)
Contact: Kevin Ferrell (News Director)

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INTERNATIONAL HEADQUARTERS

DATE: April 11, 1991

TO: Dr. Eddie Smith

FROM: Phi Theta Kappa

FAX NO: (601)635-2150

PHI THETA KAPPA INTERNATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY

CORDIALLY INVITES YOU TO ATTEND

A RECEPTION HONORING

OUR ACADEMIC ALL-AMERICAN FIRST TEAM WINNERS

AND SPONSORING COLLEGE PRESIDENTS

DATE: Monday, April 15, 1991

TIME: 7:00 - 8:00 pm

PLACE: Westin Crown Center,
Garden Terrace

All college administrators with your institution who will be in attendance at the AACJC Annual Convention are invited to attend.

Please RSVP to Deirdre Slaton, Phi Theta Kappa Headquarters, 1-800-647-7662, no later than 5:00pm, Friday, April 12, 1991.

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Date: April 11th

Dr. Smith,

This is a list of the activities for Cay Clark that I know at this time. I will let you know as other events develop.

CAY CLARK'S PUBLIC APPEARANCE SCHEDULE

1. Thursday, April 18th--I will take Cay to Jackson in time to arrive by 8:00 am to appear with Rod on Mississippi Morning.

2. Wednesday, April 24th--Cay will have lunch at the University Club and be at Headquarters by 1:00 pm to meet with Danny McKinzie

3. Thursday, April 25th--I will take Cay to Jackson to meet with Rod and do a talk show on WSLI at 10:00 am; then get her to Headquarters by 11:00 to meet with Irene ? who does a program on ETV called MS Speaks

 At 1:00 pm she and I will join you and along with the student from Jones, Mrs. Harvey, and Dr. Tisdale. We will meet with Rod and Gov. Mabus.

I will turn travel requests for the 1st and 3rd events and see that Official Excuse Forms are completed for Cay.

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ALL-USA JUNIOR COLLEGE AC

Honoring excellence at

By Pat Ordovensky
USA TODAY

Sixty students representing the best academic talent at the nation's two-year colleges are saluted today as the All-USA Academic Teams for Community and Junior Colleges.

The 20 students on the first team, whose photos appear on this page, win a trophy and $2,500 from USA TODAY. Presentations are today in Phoenix, at the convention of the American Association of Community and Junior Colleges.

Twenty students each on the second and third all-USA teams are listed below.

"Outstanding academic talent certainly is not confined to four-year colleges," says Tom Curley, USA TODAY president, who will present the awards. "We recognize and encourage scholarly achievement wherever it exists."

Similar All-USA Academic Teams offer national recognition and cash awards to outstanding students at other levels. High school winners will be announced May 15. The All-USA team for four-year colleges was announced in January.

Today's winners were selected by panels of educators assembled by Phi Theta Kappa, honorary fraternity for students at two-year campuses. They were chosen from 391 students nominated by their college presidents.

Judges considered grades, activities in college and high school, community and public service, academic honors and awards and faculty recommendations. Heavy weight was given to a student's essay describing a highlight of the two-year college experience.

First team members reflect the wide variety of the 5.7 million students at community, junior and technical colleges.

Their academic majors range from biochemistry to dietetics; their career goals from lawyer to registered nurse. Their grades average 3.9 on a scale in which 4.0 means all A's. Their SAT scores average 1300 (out of 1600).

Winners' ages range from 19 to 48, averaging 29.5. Twelve are over 30. At least eight are parents.

Several are using a two-year college as a launching pad for a new career.

Christina Mixon says she got "the opportunity for a second chance" at Bristol Community College in Fall River, Mass. Now a bookstore clerk and substitute teacher, she's aiming toward a medical degree and work in AIDS research.

Kathleen Mayer, who calls herself a self-employed mother of five, is at Clackamas Community College in Oregon City, Ore., on a path to becoming a high school English teacher.

Leslie Hicks, a "full-time mother and wife" who has been out of school 13 years, entered Rockingham Community College in Wentworth, N.C., to become a registered nurse.

Robert Larsen, who puts Sinclair Community College in Dayton, Ohio, on the first team for the third straight year, was a free-lance photographer until disabled by a back injury. He entered Sinclair to study accounting, says he was so inspired by an economics professor named John Burke that he now wants to get a master's and teach in college.

"I may never be as theatrical an instructor as John Burke," Larsen says, "but if I can reach just one student as he has touched me, I will consider my career a success."

SECOND TEAM

Steven E. Bailey Jr. Massasoit Community College,

FIRST TEAM



By Lee Anderson

Pamela Bergeron

San Jacinto College-South; Houston, Texas

▶ **Age:** 32
▶ **GPA:** 3.91
▶ **Major:** Animal science, environmental management
▶ **Goal:** Bachelor's degree in environmental management
▶ **Activities:** Trains volunteers in animal care; caretaker of injured animals for Texas Wildlife Rehabilitation Coalition; lecturer on farm animals; active in voter registration.



Jeannie Blanton

Valencia Community College — West Campus; Orlando, Fla.

▶ **Age:** 48
▶ **GPA:** 4.0
▶ **Major:** English
▶ **Goal:** Professional writer, English teacher
▶ **Activities:** Mother of three teen-agers, two of whom also attend Valencia; past president, student government; member, college-wide committees on budget, curriculum, student services; parents' organization at daughters' high school.



By Lee Anderson

Sidney Dudley Jr.

Trident Technical College; Charleston, S.C.

▶ **Age:** 25
▶ **GPA:** 4.0
▶ **Major:** Chemical engineering technology



Michael Dugan

Indian Hills Community College; Ottumwa, Iowa

▶ **Age:** 20
▶ **GPA:** 4.0
▶ **Major:** Biological sciences; biochemistry

ADEMIC ALL STARS

2-year schools

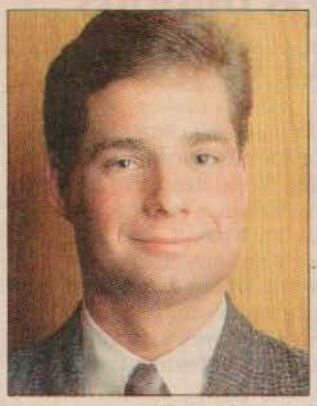


By Lee Anderson

Lucretia Boyle

Motlow State Community College, Moore County, Tenn.

▶ **Age:** 37
▶ **GPA:** 3.67
▶ **Major:** Liberal arts
▶ **Goal:** Dual bachelor's degrees in biology, French
▶ **Activities:** Volunteer at shelter for domestic violence victims; founder, child support enforcement program; teaches classical ballet; tutors in algebra, biology, French; president, college French Club.



By Lee Anderson

Keith Brown

Jefferson State Community College, Birmingham, Ala.

▶ **Age:** 21
▶ **GPA:** 3.86
▶ **Major:** Political science
▶ **Goal:** Law degree
▶ **Activities:** Volunteer for Children's Hospital, Wheelchair Tennis Association, Breakfast for Homeless, Big Brothers, Christian Children's Fund; tutor in math, biology; Air National Guard; student government secretary-treasurer.



By Lee Anderson

Tamara Cooper

East Central Community College, Decatur, Miss.

▶ **Age:** 19
▶ **GPA:** 4.0
▶ **Major:** Math education
▶ **Goal:** Master's degree in math education; math teacher
▶ **Activities:** President, Students in Education; captain, Scholars' Bowl math and science team; president, math students' honorary society; math tutor; volunteer, highway clean-up; reporter, National Election Service; Bible School teacher.



By Lee Anderson

Stephanie Fanselow

Waldorf College; Forest City, Iowa

▶ **Age:** 20
▶ **GPA:** 3.97
▶ **Major:** Dietetics/nutri-



By Lee Anderson

Theresa Fisher

Community College of the Finger Lakes; Canandaigua, N.Y.

▶ **Age:** 31
▶ **GPA:** 4.0
▶ **Major:** Liberal arts, humanities
▶ **Goal:** Master's degree



By Lee Anderson

Virginia Gause

Amarillo (Texas) College

▶ **Age:** 30
▶ **GPA:** 3.76
▶ **Major:** Math, computer science
▶ **Goal:** Doctorate in math
▶ **Activities:** Helped start math program for Amarillo

Judith Mary Frank, Everett Community College, Everett, Wash.; fine arts
Barri L. Harper, Chattanooga State Technical Community College, Chattanooga, Tenn.; art
Carol S. Johnson, Tulsa Junior College, Tulsa, Okla.; psychology
Julia G. Lambert, St. Petersburg Junior College, St. Petersburg, Fla.; nursing
Constance J. Leivestad, Bismarck State College, Bismarck, N.D.; mathematics
Denise B. Martens, Burlington County College, Pemberton, N.J.; environmental science
Cheryl A. McNulty, Ulster County Community Collge, Stone Ridge, N.Y.; mathematics
Virginia D. O'Hern, Redlands Community College, El Reno, Okla.; pre-medicine
Sharon M. Owens, Calhoun Community College, Decatur, Ala.; police science
Dianna L. Repp, Pima County Community College, Tucson, Ariz.; anthropology
Debbie L. Schwab, Indiana Vocational Technical College, Richmond, Ind.; accounting
Barbara Schweiger, County College of Morris, Randolph, N.J.; media studies
Shawn P. Smith, Trinity Valley Community College, Athens, Texas; mechanical engineering
Donna L. Thomas, Illinois Central College, East Peoria, Ill.; business management
Andrew H. Ward, Johnson County Community College, Overland Park, Kan.; psychology
David Chad Weston, Greenville Technical College, Greenville, S.C.; pre-medicine
David Andrew Young, Central Florida Community College, Ocala, Fla.; history/math

THIRD TEAM

D. Lorraine Berger, Delaware County Community College, Media, Pa.; liberal arts
Lori M. Bourque, Louisiana State University at Eunice, La.; pre-optometry
Hywanah Lynn Bradman, Metropolitan Community College, Omaha, Neb.; psychology
Judy A. Carda, Anoka-Ramsey Community College, Coon Rapids, Minn.; secondary education
Harold J. Davidson Jr., Waterbury State Technical College, Waterbury, Conn.; electrical engineering
Matthew C. Eiseman, William Rainey Harper College, Palatine, Ill.; liberal arts
Lisa I. Farmer, Highline Community College, Midway, Wash.; psychology
Denise S. Friedman, Brookdale Community College, Lincroft, N.J.; law/history
Nancy J. Ginn, University College of University of Maine, Bangor; human services program
Paul G. Griffin, Central Piedmont Community College, Charlotte, N.C.; political science
Brian W. Grose, Potomac State College, Keyser, W.Va.; pre-medicine
Tamie L. Hartwig, Bay de Noc Community College, Escanaba, Mich.; nursing
Lowell Ray McCormack, Cooke County College, Gainesville, Texas; art/business
Belinda Kellie Miller, Snead State Junior College, Boaz, Ala.; music/math
Toni M. Nelson, Kapiolani Community College, Honolulu, Hawaii
Erik S. Pacifico, Edmonds Community College, Lynnwood, Wash.; biology
Khara L. Paul, Jefferson College, Hillsboro, Mo.; human resources management
Carla Johnette Pritchett, St. Clair County Community College, Port Huron, Mich.; math/education
William G. Wilkinson, College of the Sequoias, Visalia, Calif.; music education
Sally L. Young, McLennan Community College, Waco, Texas; mental health

chemistry, physics, math; volunteer in voter registration, highway clean-up; church youth counselor; softball coach; Navy veteran.

Topics & Issues Forum; volunteer, Republican Party; former volunteer, U.S. Forest Service.



By Lee Anderson

Beth Harmon

Southern Union Junior College; Wadley, Ala.

▶ **Age:** 20
▶ **GPA:** 3.74
▶ **Major:** International relations
▶ **Goal:** Master's degree in international relations
▶ **Activities:** Peer tutor; recruiter for college; coordinates food and toy drives; volunteer, Amnesty International; secretary-treasurer, student government.



By Lee Anderson

Leslie Hicks

Rockingham Community College; Wentworth, N.C.

▶ **Age:** 34
▶ **GPA:** 4.0
▶ **Major:** Nursing
▶ **Goal:** Bachelor's degree in nursing; registered nurse
▶ **Activities:** Student ambassador from Rockingham to surrounding communities; college newspaper staff; volunteer with school parents' organization, Special Olympics; swimming coach; political campaign volunteer; mother.



Kathleen Mayer

Clackamas Community College; Oregon City, Ore.

▶ **Age:** 37
▶ **GPA:** 4.0
▶ **Major:** English
▶ **Goal:** High school English teacher
▶ **Activities:** Mother of five; volunteer for Boy Scouts, Rainbow Girls; counselor, La Leche League; administrator, church youth program; director, Mormon youth camp.



Christina Mixon

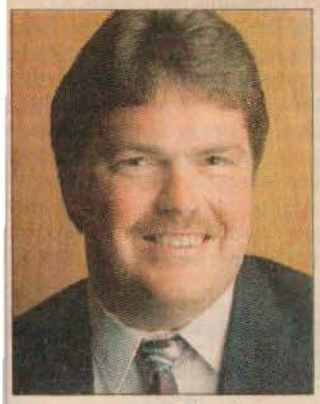
Bristol Community College; Fall River, Mass.

▶ **Age:** 35
▶ **GPA:** 3.8
▶ **Major:** Biology
▶ **Goal:** Bachelor's degrees in biology, education
▶ **Activities:** President, Student Senate; president, Afro-American Students Club; member, college affirmative action committee; tutor at local schools; volunteer with NAACP youth program, Cub Scouts, Girl Scouts, PTA; mother.

nity clean-up volunteer; camp counselor; Bible School teacher.

lege students); prizes in poetry, speech; speaker at hospital career days; volunteer, project to collect Christmas gifts for needy.

ing program; mother of three including twins.



By Lee Anderson

Robert Larsen

Sinclair Community College; Dayton, Ohio

▶ **Age:** 29
▶ **GPA:** 3.71
▶ **Major:** Business administration
▶ **Goal:** Master's degree in economics, college professor
▶ **Activities:** Chairs mentor program assisting gifted elementary school students; youth guidance, Lutheran church; volunteer, American Heart Association, United Cerebral Palsy; freelance photographer.



By Lee Anderson

Laurel Lott

Central Virginia Community College; Lynchburg, Va.

▶ **Age:** 30
▶ **GPA:** 4.0
▶ **Major:** Administration of justice
▶ **Goal:** Bachelor's degree in criminal justice
▶ **Activities:** Mother of two; peer counselor; interpreter for deaf; volunteer for Salvation Army, Special Olympics, ambulance squad; teen pregnancy adoption counselor; president, student government.



Gene Loughran

Brunswick (Ga.) College

▶ **Age:** 26
▶ **GPA:** 4.0
▶ **Major:** History, political science
▶ **Goal:** Bachelor's degree in history
▶ **Activities:** Reading tutor for elementary school pupils; deputy voter registrar; amateur radio operator; college newspaper, literary magazine; Navy veteran; representative, national Model United Nations.



By Lee Anderson

Deborah Sellman

Jamestown (N.Y.) Community College

▶ **Age:** 21
▶ **GPA:** 4.0
▶ **Major:** Chemistry, math
▶ **Goal:** Medical school
▶ **Activities:** Student member, college Board of Trustees; member, Judicial Procedures Committee; former exchange student in Australia; hospital volunteer; peer tutor; coordinator, Earth Awareness Club.



Sharon Wilson

Midland (Texas) College

▶ **Age:** 38
▶ **GPA:** 3.56
▶ **Major:** Accounting
▶ **Goal:** Master's degree in business administration
▶ **Activities:** Mother; volunteer for military families' support group in Desert Storm; volunteer, Parents of Dyslexic Children, Attention Deficit Disorder, Cub Scouts, Red Cross, PTA, Methodist Sunday School, Republican Party.



By Lee Anderson

Timothy Young

St. Louis Community College at Forest Park

▶ **Age:** 34
▶ **GPA:** 4.0
▶ **Major:** Business administration
▶ **Goal:** Bachelor's degree in accounting
▶ **Activities:** Father of six; student government budget committee; tutor; soccer coach; volunteer in voter registration, drug education, public-TV fund-raising; Army veteran.

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By Pat Ordovensky
USA TODAY

Sixty students representing nation's two-year colleges are ademic Teams for Communit The 20 students on the first this page, win a trophy and $ tations are today in Phoenix. can Association of Community Twenty students each on t teams are listed below.

"Outstanding academic tal four-year colleges," says Ton who will present the awards. scholarly achievement where Similar All-USA Academic and cash awards to outstandi school winners will be annou for four-year colleges was a Today's winners were sel sembled by Phi Theta Kapp at two-year campuses. They nominated by their college Judges considered grade school, community and put awards and faculty recomm en to a student's essay desc college experience.

First team members rep tion students at community Their academic majors ics; their career goals fron grades average 3.9 on a sc Their SAT scores average Winners' ages range fro are over 30. At least eight Several are using a two- a new career.

Christina Mixon says sh chance" at Bristol Commu Now a bookstore clerk and ward a medical degree an Kathleen Mayer, who c of five, is at Clackamas Co Ore., on a path to becomi Leslie Hicks, a "full-tim out of school 13 years, enl lege in Wentworth, N.C., t Robert Larsen, who put Dayton, Ohio, on the first a free-lance photographer entered Sinclair to study by an economics professo wants to get a master's a "I may never be as the Larsen says, "but if I can touched me, I will consid

SECOND TEA

Steven E. Bailey Jr.
Brockton, Mass.; I
Donna J. Bristow, Ic
Fort Dodge, Iowa
John W. Davies, N

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Monday, April 13, 1992
Grand Ballroom Hyatt Regency Hotel
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Phoenix, Arizona

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Mike H. Watson, Director of Development and Public Affairs
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Billy Wilson, Director of Honors Programs and Regional Development
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HEADQUARTERS

May 7, 1992

President Eddie Smith
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P.O. Box 129
Decatur, Mississippi 39237

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Sincerely,

Congrats!

Rod A. Risley
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State of Mississippi

Steven A. Patterson
STATE AUDITOR

May 11, 1992

Ms. Tamara Cooper
East Central Community College
Post Office Box 5
Decatur, Mississippi 39327

Dear Ms. Cooper:

Congratulations on being selected as an outstanding student from community colleges nationwide and being honored at the convention of the Association of Community and Junior Colleges in Phoenix, Arizona.

You and hundreds of other students like you all across Mississippi are the future of our great State. It is encouraging to see students like you becoming involved in school and community activities and we wish you the best in the future.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if I can ever be of assistance to you.

Sincerely,

STEVEN A. PATTERSON
Auditor

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NEWS RELEASE

For Immediate Release

For additional information, contact Mike Watson, Director of Public Affairs, 1-800-946-9995

Tamara Cooper, a student at East Central Community College, was one of 20 students across the nation selected for the Academic All-American First Team for Community, Technical and Junior College students, a recognition which carries a $2,500 award.

Cooper, 19, was chosen from some 400 nominees. Judging was based on academic achievement, college and community service, faculty recommendations and an essay on the nominee's most significant educational experience in two-year college. She is the second East Central student to win this award in two consecutive years.

Cooper was a special guest at the AAAT awards presentation held during the recent convention of the Association of Community and Junior Colleges in Phoenix, Ariz. She and other first-team winners were featured in the April 13 issue of USA TODAY. The AAAT competition for two-year college students

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is co-sponsored by AACJC, USA TODAY and Phi Theta Kappa, the international honor society for community, technical and junior college students.

Cooper, a math education major at East Central, maintains a 4.0 average and is a member of Phi Theta Kappa. She is a math tutor, has participated in a voter registration campaign, and is a water safety instructor. Cooper plans to transfer to Mississippi State University and major in math education.

"The decision to attend a community college was not a difficult one for me," Cooper wrote in the essay required of all AAAT nominees. "While many of my friends were agonizing over the decision of which college to attend, I remained confident that the community college would offer me meaningful experiences, both academic and extra-curricular. As I approach graduation, I can confidently say that I made the right decision."

In addition to the First Team members, an additional 40 two-year students were honored by being named to the Academic All-American Second and Third Teams.

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Students named to all-state teams

■ A luncheon today will honor the state's top scholars.

Special to The Clarion-Ledger

Ten students today are named to the 1994 Mississippi All-State Academic Team as representatives of outstanding academic talent on the state's two-year campuses.

The award program is sponsored by *The Clarion-Ledger*, Phi Theta Kappa International Honor Society and the Mississippi Association of Community and Junior Colleges.

Selection to the team is based on academic achievement, proven leadership, involvement in community and college service activities, faculty recommendations and an essay written by the student.

Members of the Mississippi team will be honored guests at a luncheon today at the Ramada Plaza in Jackson. Gov. Kirk Fordice will be the guest speaker. Sponsors of the luncheon include: Mississippi Power and Light, Mississippi Power, South Central Bell, Bank of Mississippi, Trustmark and Deposit Guaranty National Bank.

A panel of representatives from national education associations in Washington, D.C., selected the Mississippi All-State team. This same panel served as judges for the National Academic All-American Team sponsored by *USA Today*, Phi Theta Kappa and the American Association of Community and Junior Colleges.

Students selected for the Mississippi team are automatically considered for placement on the national team, which will be announced in the April 7 edition of *USA Today*.

Each community college president could nominate two students for consideration in the competition. Mississippi is the first state to launch an all-state competition in conjunction with the national team program. In the history of the national competition, Mississippi, with 17 two-year colleges, ranks second only to Texas in the placement of students on the national team. Texas has 70 two-year colleges.

Phi Theta Kappa International Honor Society, which administers the national program at its headquarters in Jackson, invited four states to launch an all-state team program. In addition to Mississippi, they include Missouri, Illinois and Florida.



Kathy H. Bagwell

■ Itawamba Community College.
■ **Hometown:** Fulton.
■ Housewife, mother and developer of Auto-Brite Inc., Madiera-Redington Florists and Burger Doodle restaurant.
■ **Age:** 40.
■ **Major:** psychology/social science.
■ **GPA:** 3.94.
■ **Transferring to:** Blue Mountain College.
■ **Activities:** Phi Theta Kappa president, Student Court judge, publications photographer, Political Science Club secretary-treasurer, Leadership Development Seminar.
■ **Honors:** Honors Institute scholarship recipient, Order of the Golden Key, Who's Who in American Community Colleges, ICC President's List.
■ **Quote:** "Four years ago my husband passed away and I was left with the responsibility of rearing our young daughter. My daily exposure to the students at college helps me better understand my own child's world and. . allows me to relate more effectively with her."

SECOND TEAM

Julie M. Bird: Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College - Jackson County. Major: biology/physical therapy.

Joan E. Burt: Hinds Community College - Jackson. Major: hotel management.

Cindy G. Callahan: East Central Community College. Major: secondary math education.

Virginia R. Gallagher: Holmes Community College - Goodman. Major: nursing.

Peter A. Hanson: Holmes Community College - Ridgeland. Major: math education.

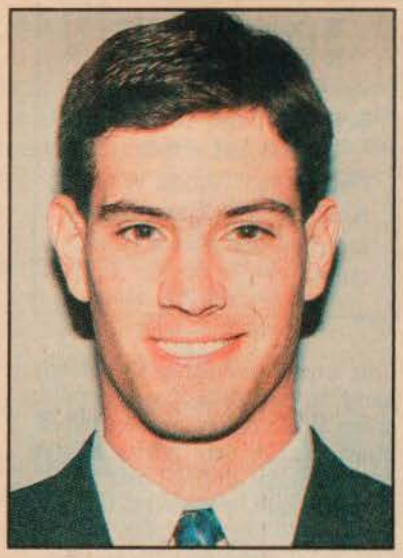


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FIRST TEAM



David T. Batarseh

- Meridian Community College.
- **Hometown:** Meridian.
- **Age:** 20.
- **Major:** engineering or pre-med.
- **GPA:** 3.0.
- **Transferring to:** Mississippi State University.
- **Activities:** Phi Theta Kappa, Leadership Effectiveness and Development Program, baseball, church youth group, debate and forensics.
- **Honors:** Headwae Award, President's List, Ralph Young Math Scholarship, "Best of the Class," U.S. Army Reserve National Scholar/Athlete Award.
- **Quote:** "My educational experience at Meridian Community College has been challenging. Throughout the various courses that I have taken while attending Meridian Community College, I have acquired knowledge allowing me to focus on specific fields of study and possible future careers."



Amy R. Fowler

- Hinds Community College — Rankin.
- **Hometown:** Jackson.
- Former professional actor.
- **Age:** 31.
- **Major:** physical therapy.
- **GPA:** 4.0.
- **Transferring to:** University of Mississippi.
- **Activities:** Phi Theta Kappa, Biology Club, church choir, choreographer for "A Joyful Noise."
- **Honors:** President's List, Dean's List, Who's Who Among American Junior College Students.
- **Quote:** " 'Learning across the curriculum' may sound like an educational stock phrase, but this principle literally changed my life. I am thankful for the core curriculum that helped me to look beyond my limited world view and experiences. I wish I could change the hearts of young people struggling with life's choices who feel that they have no need for college. If they would only heed my friend's advice then they would learn as I have that a broad-based education is a gift that is beyond compare."



Thomas T. Hopkins

- Northeast Mississippi Community College.
- **Hometown:** Corinth.
- **Age:** 21.
- **Major:** electrical engineering.
- **GPA:** 4.0.
- **Transferring to:** Mississippi State University.
- **Activities:** Math-Engineering Club president, Fellowship of Christian Athletes, baseball, Ridgecrest Baptist Church youth fellowship, Phi Theta Kappa historian, Campaign Against Legalization of Alcohol in Alcorn County.
- **Honors:** President's List, Who's Who Among Students in American Junior Colleges.
- **Quote:** "Since academics and knowledge are useless unless one puts them into practice, I try to share my learnings as much as possible. I do this almost nightly because others usually come to me when they have problems in school."







Trina C. Howell: Copiah-Lincoln Community College - Wesson. Major: computer science.

Kristy R. Meador: Hinds Community College - Raymond. Major: mathematics.

Michael W. Minga: Holmes Community College - Grenada. Major: biology.

Merrick R.D. Moody: Copiah-Lincoln Community College - Natchez. Major: history.

Georgia E. Nagorka: Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College - Jefferson Davis. Major: fine arts.

Max Sisson: Hinds Community College - Raymond. Major: pre-engineering.

Brian C. Smith: Jones County Junior College. Major: electrical engineering.

Christy D. Vickery: Northeast Mississippi Community College. Major: pre-med / chemistry.

Emily I. Warren: East Mississippi Community College. Major: pharmacy.

LaRae Renee Wise: Mississippi Delta Community College. Major: science.

THIRD TEAM

Lauren E. Baird: Mississippi Delta Community College. Major: speech pathology.

Sherry W. Duck: Hinds Community College - Nursing Allied Health Center. Major: nursing.

Heather A. Easley: Holmes Community College - Grenada. Major: journalism.

Sharon K. Eldridge: East Central Community College. Major: pharmacy.

Sandra A. Everett: Hinds Community College - Nursing Allied Health Center. Major: nursing.

Albert L. Franks III: East Mississippi Community College. Major: engineering / liberal arts.

Brad C. Garner: Copiah-Lincoln Community College - Wesson. Major: landscape architecture.

Pamela A. Graves: Southwest Mississippi Community College. Major: elementary education.

Mary P. Hooper: Coahoma Community College. Major: social work.

Kyle D. Jackson: Holmes Community College - Goodman. Major: engineering / Spanish.

James A. Jenkins: Hinds Community College - Raymond. Major: music.

Amy G. Johnson: Itawamba Community College. Major: occupational therapy.

Mi K. Kim: Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College - Jefferson Davis. Major: political science.

Brian L. Laird: Meridian Community College. Major: pre-pharmacy, pre-med.

Diane L. Lowery: Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College - Jackson County. Major: accounting.

Deborah L. Nunnally: Hinds Community College - Utica. Major: child care.

Vicky L. Reed: Hinds Community College - Utica. Major: pre-physical therapy.

Carla D. Sandefur: Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College - Perkinston. Major: health information management.

Victoria Michele Stogner: Southwest Mississippi Community College. Major: communications.

Richard G. Wheat: Pearl River Community College. Major: chemical engineering.



Shelia A. McGraw

- Holmes Community College - Ridgeland.
- **Hometown:** Bentonia.
- Former secretary.
- **Age:** 32.
- **Major:** computer science.
- **GPA:** 3.94.
- **Transferring to:** undecided.
- **Activities:** Phi Theta Kappa president and Golden Key award, Hall of Fame, Creative Arts Club vice president, adult litency tutor, Cub Scout leader, Bright Lights Children's Home Club Tinsley Baptist Church and 4-H volunteer.
- **Honors:** W.Y. Sudduth Social Science Award / Essay.
- **Quote:** Communitycollege teachers "not only encouaged me to fulfil my potential, but helped me discover that potential. . I have now found that I have the aptitude to accomplish whatever I want, whether it is majoring incomputer science or writing a novel."

Jason L. Walton

- Northwest Mississipp Community College.
- **Hometown:** Hernando
- **Age:** 19.
- **Major:** pre-law.
- **GPA:** 4.0.
- **Transferring to:** Millaps College.
- **Activities:** Literary agazine editor, school newspapr columnist, student recruiter, hi Theta Kappa, founder and oranizer of Pre-Law Society.
- **Honors:** Outstanding Pre-Law Student, Student of the onth, Hall of Fame, Who's Who in American Junior Colleges.
- **Quote:** "I have tried excel in all areas of student eavors throughout high schoand college. My skills have alloed me to serve my fellow studen through

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James E. Redd Jr.

- Jones County Junior College.
- **Hometown:** Laurel.
- Former route salesman.
- **Age:** 40.
- **Major:** computer programming.
- **GPA:** 4.0.
- **Transferring to:** University of Southern Mississippi.
- **Activities:** Data Processing Management Association president and DPMA scholarship winner, Phi Beta Lambda treasurer, Phi Theta Kappa, DPMA professional chamber newsletter co-editor, PBL state and national conferences, programming tutor, Walk America, Special Olympics, Red Cross youth leadership group, Care Cottage volunteer, FBLA competition coordinator.
- **Honors:** Letter "J" award, Who's Who nominee, Hall of Fame nominee, honors program, Technical Student of the Year (Mississippi River/Gulf Region), American Technical Education Association.
- **Quote:** "I plan to combine my love of writing, skill in computer programming and desire to teach by creating educational software."



Pamela A. Stoll

- Hinds Community College - Rankin.
- **Hometown:** Pearl.
- Mother, artist, former Mrs. Louisiana and former surgical technician.
- **Age:** 37.
- **Major:** interior design.
- **GPA:** 4.0.
- **Transferring to:** Mississippi College.
- **Activities:** Tutor, Phi Theta Kappa.
- **Honors:** President's scholar, Who's Who.
- **Quote:** "I entered Hinds Community College with tremendous trepidation: Had I been away from school too long? Would I be accepted by classmates who were the age of my sons? Suddenly here I was reading, discussing, and writing about Euripides, dissecting in biology and examining the techniques of the French impressionists. Each small success bred a desire for larger successes, and in a very short time anxiety, fear and self-doubt gave way to excitement, challenge and a heightened sense of self-esteem."



Bradley R. Taylor

- Copiah-Lincoln Community College - Natchez.
- **Hometown:** Natchez.
- **Age:** 20.
- **Major:** business administration.
- **GPA:** 3.5.
- **Transferring to:** University of Mississippi.
- **Activities:** Student Government Association vice president, Circle K lieutenant governor, varsity tennis, Phi Beta Lambda parliamentarian, tutor, Vacation Bible School teacher, Day Camp counselor and recreational director at First Baptist Church of Natchez, March of Dimes Walk-a-thon.
- **Honors:** National fifth place business principles and state first place business principles, Phi Beta Lambda; national finalist Leader Scholarship, Jostens foundation; national semi-finalist Coca-Cola Scholars.
- **Quote:** "Through hard work and dedication, I proved for myself that the famed William Faulkner of Mississippi was right: 'Man will not only endure; he will prevail.' "



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ons, student government and ath-
tics."

Peggy C. Whittington

- Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College - Perkinston.
- **Hometown:** Wiggins.
- Former kindergarten teacher.
- **Age:** 32.
- **Major:** business administration.
- **GPA:** 4.0
- **Transferring to:** University of Southern Mississippi.
- **Activities:** Student Council, Phi Theta Kappa, Students in Free Enterprise, Disciplinary Committee, Adult Student Association, Honors Forum, American Sign Language tutor, church deaf ministry.
- **Honors:** President's List, National Dean's List, Who's Who in AJCC.
- **Quote:** "When I first started attending Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College, I kept silent and in the background. All I wanted



was an education. I did not realize that I possessed skills that could be honed and shared with others."

nd the Mississippi Association of Community and Junior Colleges.

Cindy G. Callahan

East Central Community College
Dr. Eddie M. Smith
Theta Xi Chapter
Ann Burkes, Advisor



Major: Secondary Math Education
GPA: 4.00
Degree Objective: B. S.
Hometown: Forest, MS

Virginia R. Gallagher

Holmes Community College
Dr. Starkey A. Morgan, Sr., President
Kappy Alpha Chapter
Julia Williams, Advisor



Major: Nursing
GPA: 3.88
Degree Objective: B. S.
Hometown: Vaiden, MS

Peter A. Hanson

Holmes Community College
Dr. Starkey A. Morgan, Sr., President
Alpha Lambda Sigma Chapter
Betty Sue Adams, Advisor



Major: Math Education
GPA: 3.90
Degree Objective: B. A.
Hometown: Ridgeland, MS

Heather A. Easley

Holmes Community College
Dr. Starkey A. Morgan, Sr., President
Alpha Mu Beta Chapter
Joan Rodgers, Advisor



Major: Journalism
GPA: 4.00
Degree Objective: B. A.
Hometown: Calhoun City, MS

Sharon K. Eldridge

East Central Community College
Dr. Eddie M. Smith, President
Theta Xi Chapter
Ann Burkes, Advisor



Major: Pharmacy
GPA: 4.00
Degree Objective: B. S.
Hometown: DeKalb, MS

Sandra A. Everett

Hinds Community College
Dr. Clyde Muse, President
Alpha Iota Kappa Chapter
Kay Jones, Advisor



Major: Nursing
GPA: 3.50
Degree Objective: B. S.
Hometown: Brandon, MS



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Indiana Vocational Technical College, IN



President
Clyde LeTarte
Jackson Community College, MI



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E. Timothy Lightfield
Prairie State College, IL



President
Eduardo Marti
Tompkins-Cortland Community College, NY

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Bennett Awards of Distinction: Dr. George E. Hamm, the University of Texas at Tyler; Dr. Eddie M. Smith, East Central Community College, Decatur, Mississippi; Dr. Frederick J. Speckeen, Medicine Hat College, Alberta, Canada; Dr. Carl O. Westbrook, Connors State College, Warner, Oklahoma; Bert Woodruff, Kilgore College, Texas

Mosal Scholars: Dr. Anne Levig, Alpha Delta Upsilon; Dr. Janice Roberts, Pi Pi

Distinguished Regional Coordinator Awards: Dr. Anne Levig, Minn-Io-Wi-Kota Region; Dr. Mary Ann Player, Illinois Region; **Regional Milestone Awards**: Washington Region, Shea Munro, Coordinator; Pacific Region, Charlotte Toguchi, Interim Coordinator; Indiana Region, Community College, Henderson, North Carolina; Donald Yenglin, Alpha Omicron Kappa, Oakland Community College, Highland Lakes Campus, Union Lake, Michigan; Pat Heidel, Alpha Xi Lambda, Aiken Technical College, Aiken, South Carolina; Jo Anne Suwalski, Alpha Lambda Nu; Julie Prather, Alpha Kappa Pi; Dorothy Stengel, Alpha Delta Upsilon; Shahid Latif, Alpha Delta Rho; Kathy Heikke, Alpha Delta Alpha, Anoka-Ramsey Community College, Coon Rapids, Minnesota; Jacob Davison, Alpha Beta Rho; Chuck Barlow, Psi Psi; Anita Brown, Psi Zeta; Deborah Messer, Chi Phi; Julia Jones, Mu Pi; Teresa Addison, Mu Upsilon, Alvin Community College, Texas; Janet Betts, Mu Eta; Dwana Elaine Dye, Kappa Nu; Liz Newport, Iota Omega, Centralia College, Centralia, Washington; Joanne Duxbury, Theta Beta, Fresno City College, Fresno, California; Todd Brister, Eta Omega; Keith Kresta, Zeta Xi; Saundra Williams, Zeta Epsilon

Mosal Yearbook Awards: Iota Iota; Mu Omicron; Nu Pi; Alpha Epsilon Omicron; Alpha Theta Alpha, Oklahoma City Community College, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

Freeman Science Award: Melissa Pujazon and Timothy Wagner, Psi Eta, Eastfield College, Mesquite, Texas

Visual Arts: Diane Elasick, Omicron Xi, College of Southern Idaho, Twin Falls, Idaho; Jay Quinn, Alpha Lambda Gamma, Palm Beach Community College, Florida; Deborah Solomon Boyce, Rho Upsilon, Community College of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; Sylvia Ann Cavender, Tau Eta, Allen County Community College, Iola, Kansas, Barbara Bertram, Alpha Epsilon Chi; **Music:** Chad Boswell, Tau Mu; Karen Howell, Alpha Rho Lambda, Jackson Community College, Jackson, Michigan; **Short Story:** Barbara Chappell, Alpha Kappa Psi; Thomas Mitchell, Alpha Eta Alpha, Rose State College, Midwest City, Oklahoma; Poetry: Jamaine L. Howard, Mu Rho, Daytona Beach Community College, Florida; Diane Elasick; Drama: Robert Arthur Lanham, Gamma Lambda; Essays: Mona Jerwaski, Alpha Theta Alpha: Diane Roark, Alpha Omicron Iota

Birthday Bash Regional Booth Awards: Best Regional Cuisine, New England; Best Costumes; Virginia and Tennessee; Best Booth Design, Florida; Best Overall Spirit, Alabama.

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June 28, 1993

President Eddie Smith
Presidential Ambassador
Phi Theta Kappa
East Central Community College
P.O. Box 129
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Dear Eddie,

As Phi Theta Kappa celebrates its 75th year, we find it appropriate to salute our college administrators who began and have continued the tradition of recognizing and promoting excellence in education for thousands of students across the country. From the very beginning, when seven college presidents founded Phi Theta Kappa, this support has been crucial to our very existence.

Your role as Presidential Ambassador is appreciated now, more than ever, as you assist the organization in keeping your colleagues informed of the value and impact of Phi Theta Kappa programs. Together, we can promote and ensure quality education in two-year college institutions.

President Smith, we have enclosed for you copies of the AACC 1993 Convention *Community College Times* and *The Golden Key* newsletter in which Phi Theta Kappa showcased our Presidential Ambassadors. Our strength has been, is, and will be dependent upon the support college presidents, like you, provide local chapters and advisors. Thank you for your support and the leadership you provide in helping Phi Theta Kappa achieve its mission and goals.

Sincerely,

Rod A. Risley
Executive Director

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1996 Mississippi All-S

State's top scholars honored at luncheon.

Ten students have been named First Team members to the 1996 All-Mississippi Academic Team for Community and Junior Colleges. In all, 50 students were named to three teams. Winners are selected on the basis of completed applications, written essays, letters of recommendation, academic performance, demonstration of leadership, and community service involvement.

"Selected from among the more than 75,000 students enrolled in Mississippi's Community and Junior Colleges this year, these students through their academic and leadership accomplishments restore one's faith in the future of our state and country," said Dr. David Haraway, President, Mississippi Association of Community and Junior Colleges. "By being named to the All-Mississippi Academic Team and having earned membership in Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society, most, if not all of these students will receive scholarship assistance to attend a senior institution ," said Rod Risley, Phi Theta Kappa Executive Director. "Most importantly, our research suggests that these students will perform as well academically at the senior institution as they did at the community/junior college."

The All-Mississippi Academic Team program is sponsored by *The Clarion-Ledger*, Phi Theta Kappa International Honor Society, Mississippi Association of Community and Junior Colleges, and the Mississippi State Board for Community and Junior Colleges. Dr. Billy Thames, President, Copiah-Lincoln

Washington, DC, will be the guest speaker. All 50 students will receive medallions. Program sponsors include: Bank of Mississippi, Bell South Telecommunications, Inc., Deposit Guaranty National Bank, Mississippi Chemical Corporation, Mississippi Power Company, Mississippi Power & Light Company, Mississippi Valley Gas, Pepsi Cola of Corinth, Peoples Bank & Trust of Tupelo, South Mississippi Electric Power Association, Tecumseh Products Company, Trustmark Bank, and Union Planters Bank.

Students were selected by judges from the Metro-Jackson area and by a panel of representatives from national education associations based in Washington, D.C. Students named to the All-Mississippi Teams are considered for placement on the All-USA Academic Teams, sponsored by *USA TODAY*, Phi Theta Kappa, and the American Association of Community Colleges. Students named to the All-USA Teams will be featured in the April 15 issue of *USA TODAY*.

Phi Theta Kappa administers the All-State and All-USA Academic Team Programs from its Jackson-based headquarters. The first All-State Academic Team Program was launched in 1994 in Mississippi. This year 21 states, including Texas, New York, and Florida will sponsor All-State programs using the All-Mississippi program as a model.

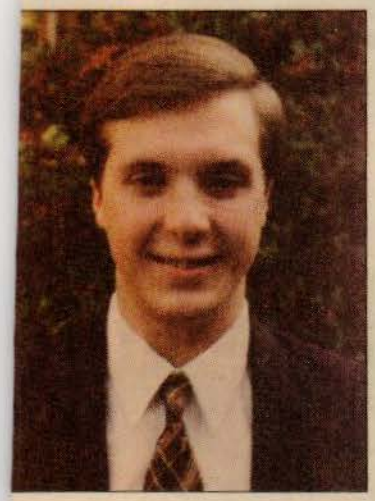


Samantha A. Carman
- College: Jones County Junior College
- Hometown: Ellisville
- Age: 19
- Major: Pre-Pharmacy
- GPA: 4.0

Transferring to: University of Mississippi
Activities: Concert Choir, Baptist Student Union, Baptist Student Union Ensemble, Phi Theta Kappa, Touch of Gold danceline of Jones County Junior College band
Honors: Milton B. Weems Scholarship, President's List, Hall of Fame, Who's Who Among American Junior College Students
Quote: "Every day we strive to be a little bit better than the day before. It is not always easy; however, it is always rewarding."



tate Academic Team



hristopher A. Gomillion
- College: East Central Community ollege
- Hometown: Harperville
- Age: 19
- Major: Computer Engineering
- GPA: 3.79

ransferring to: Mississippi State niversity

ctivities: East Central Scholars Bowl eam, Warrior Corps Recruiting Club, hi Theta Kappa MS\LA Regional resident, Mu Alpha Theta President, lpha Alpha Epsilon Vice President, resident's Council

Honors: Mathematics Achievement ward, National Collegiate Engineering ward, National Dean's List

Quote: "Herbert Spencer wrote in Social Statistics, 'Education has for its object the formation of character.' Nowhere can that statement more easily be proven true than in college where students have numerous opportunities for important experiences."



Tracie L. Laird
- College: Meridian Community College
- Hometown: Little Rock
- Age: 19
- Major: Speech Pathology
- GPA: 3.6

Transferring to: Mississippi University for Women

Activities: Phi Theta Kappa President, Arts Students League Treasurer, Intensive English Program for Foreign Students, Special Olympics Volunteer, Camp High Hopes Volunteer

Honors: Dean's List, Eddie Holladay Scholar

Quote: "As I walked through Mrs. Virgil's classroom door, I was unaware that this class was to have a tremendous impact on my life and future career...It was the beginning of many more hours of volunteer work with disabled children and even a summer job working with these special children."



Andrea M. Mihal
- College: Holmes Community College - Ridgeland
- Hometown: Madison
- Age: 19
- Major: Business/Public Relations
- GPA: 3.87

Transferring to: Belhaven College

Activities: Phi Theta Kappa Vice President of Fellowship, Holmes Community College Ambassador, Student Government Association Treasurer

Honors: Most Intellectual Freshman Girl, Alabama/Mississippi Regional Honors Institute, Phi Theta Kappa Leadership Conference

Quote: "Since I started college at Holmes I have exceeded my own expectations. I grew to believe in myself and with the confidence came character and determination. I became not only a member of Phi Theta Kappa, but an officer and representative of student government as well."







Members of the All-Mississippi Teams will be honored guests at a luncheon today at the Ramada Coliseum in Jackson. Charles Overby, President, Freedom Forum Foundation,

SECOND TEAM

Marilyn D. Bishop: East Mississippi Community College - Golden Triangle Campus. Major: Electronics Technology. GPA: 4.0.
Amy M. Cade: East Mississippi Community College - Scooba Campus. Major: Elementary Education. GPA: 4.0.
Michael J. Cox: Northeast Mississippi Community College. Major: Pre-Medicine. GPA: 3.92.
Rose R. Davis: Copiah-Lincoln Community College. Major: Elementary Education. GPA: 4.0.
John M. Eubanks: Hinds Community College - Raymond. Major: Psychology/Secondary Education. GPA: 4.0.
Andrea K. Free: Mississippi Delta Community College. Major: Pre-Physical Therapy. GPA: 4.0.
Bethany Carol Gipson: Pearl River Community College. Major: Biology/Pre-Optometry. GPA: 4.0.
Donna L. Harris: Hinds Community College - Rankin. Major: Elementary Education. GPA: 4.0.
Daniel B. Hughes: Southwest Mississippi Community College. Major: History/Business/Pre-Law. GPA: 4.0
Shanna M. Kilpatrick: Hinds Community College - Rankin. Major: Pre-Medicine/Biology.GPA: 4.0.
David K. Lewis: Itawamba Community College. Major: Mechanical Engineering. GPA: 4.0.
Jessica L. Lightsey: Copiah-Lincoln Community College. Major: Psychology. GPA: 4.0.
Kimela O'Neal: Hinds Community College - Utica. Major: Child Care Development. GPA: 3.84.
Amanda L. Peoples: Southwest Mississippi Community College. Major: Nutrition/Dietetics. GPA: 3.93.
Kimberly Phillips: Holmes Community College - Ridgeland. Major: Environmental Biology/Secondary Education. GPA: 3.87.
James W. Pickering: Jones County Junior College. Major: Engineering. GPA: 4.0.
John K. Riley: Meridian Community College. Major: Nursing. GPA: 4.0.
Jonathan S. Sharp: East Central Community College. Major: Industrial Engineering/Business Administration. GPA: 3.89.
Deneen K. Sovell: Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College - Jefferson Davis Campus. Major: Elementary Education. GPA: 4.0.
Janet W. Tuttle: Hinds Community College - Vicksburg. Major: Elementary Education.GPA: 4.0.

THIRD TEAM

Vivian G. Anderson: Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College - Perkinston. Major: Mathematics. GPA: 3.85.
Charlene D. Ball: Copiah-Lincoln Community College - Natchez. Major: Marine Biology. GPA: 4.0.
Andrea M. Banks: Hinds Community College - Jackson. Major: Business Technology/Nursing. GPA: 3.60.
Cassandra T. Brown: Coahoma Community College. Major: Pre-Medicine. GPA: 3.92.
Jackie L. Chase: Hinds Community College - Vicksburg. Major: Business/Office Technology. GPA: 3.9.
Bobbie H. Denmark: Holmes Community College - Grenada. Major: Elementary Education.GPA: 3.8.
Candice M. Edwards: Holmes Community College - Goodman. Major: Nursing. GPA: 3.66.
Cheryl S. Farmer: Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College - Perkinston. Major: History/Secondary Education. GPA: 3.75.
Misty A. Fleming: East Mississippi Community College - Scooba Campus. Major: Elementary Education. GPA: 3.85.
Sharron M. Flowers: Hinds Community College - Nursing/Allied Health. Major: Nursing.GPA: 4.0.
Stanley D. Gatlin: Mary Holmes College. Major: Pre-Physical Therapy. GPA: 4.0.
Marilyn A. Grantham: Holmes Community College - Grenada. Major: Physical Therapy. GPA: 3.66.
Vikki A. Leggett: Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College - Jackson County Campus. Major: English/Secondary Education. GPA: 3.91.
Kesheenia Manning: Mary Holmes College. Major: Nursing. GPA: 3.9.
Clayton K. McCall: Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College - Jackson County Campus. Major: Mechanical Engineering. GPA: 4.0.
Carl A. Niven: Copiah-Lincoln Community College - Natchez. Major: Biology. GPA: 3.60.
James C. Riles: Itawamba Community College. Major: Business Administration. GPA: 3.60.
Jamie K. Saul: Pearl River Community College. Major: Management Information Systems. GPA: 3.9.
Lea Ann Snider: Northwest Mississippi Community College. Major: Elementary Education. GPA: 3.92.
Timothy W. Walker: Northwest Mississippi Community College. Major: Biochemistry. GPA: 4.0.
Jason L. Ward: Hinds Community College - Nursing/Allied Health. Major: Medical Laboratory Technician. GPA: 4.0.



Jennifer A. Chase

- College: Hinds Community College - Raymond
- Hometown: Clinton
- Age: 19
- Major: Pre-Physical Therapy
- GPA: 4.0

Transferring to: University of Mississippi Medical Center
Activities: Phi Theta Kappa Vice President, Hinds Connection Senator/Secretary, College Republicans Vice President, Circle K Club, Associated Student Government - Raymond Campus, District Student Government Association Senator
Honors: President's List, National Dean's List, Who's Who Among American Junior College Students, Hinds Community College Distinguished Student, Hinds Community College Foundation Scholarship Recipient
Quote: "The look of elation and renewed hope on the patient's face was all it took to convince me that I wanted to be a physical therapist."



Sharon M. Garner

- College: Holmes Community College - Goodman
- Hometown: Yazoo City
- Age: 19
- Major: Pre-Medicine
- GPA: 3.81

Jimmy V. Knighton, II

- College: Northeast Mississippi Community College
- Hometown: Corinth
- Age: 19
- Major: History/Economics
- GPA: 4.0

Transferring to: Mississippi State University
Activities: College Republicans, Student Government Representative, Student Orientation Counselor, Student Tutor, Phi Theta Kappa
Honors: Ken Wooten Scholars Bowl Most Valuable Player, President's List, National Dean's List, Who's Who Among American Community College Students
Quote: "In my role as Student Government Association president at Northeast Mississippi Community College I have learned the important art of working with all types of people, an ability that is one of the most essential characteristics of not only a successful person, but of a well-rounded person. The communication skills I have acquired during my two years at Northeast have become more special as I realize that they will not fade away once I enroll in a senior institution. Those skills will last a lifetime."

Heather N. Mathews

- College: Mississippi Delta Community College
- Hometown: Greenville
- Age: 19
- Major: Pre-Veterinary Medicine
- GPA: 3.92

Transferring to: Mississippi State University
Activities: Phi Theta Kappa Vice President, Cheerleader, Student Government, Diamond Squad, Delta Connection, Baptist Student Union
Honors: Homecoming Queen, Miss MDCC, English Composition Award, Hodding Carter Memorial Scholarship, Academic Scholarship, Hall of Fame Nomination, National Dean's List
Quote: I believe that it (Time Management in Leadership Class) has had more of an impact on my life than any other thing I've learned while at college. It taught me how to get my priorities in better order."

Anthony D. Stallings

- College: Hinds Community College - Raymond
- Hometown: Clinton
- Age: 27
- Major: English/Communications/Law
- GPA: 4.0

Transferring to: Harvard-Radcliffe
Activities: Phi Theta Kappa, Student Government Parliamentarian, Hinds Connection, Hinds Disciplinary Committee, Circle K Club, Baptist Student Union, Deaf Club
Honors: Hinds Community College Development Foundation Scholarship Recipient, President's Scholar, Trustmark Bank Scholarship
Quote: "I cannot wait to see what my future holds now that I can see through opened eyes."

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Transferring to: Mississippi College
Activities: Newspaper Staff, Baptist Student Union, Phi Theta Kappa Publicity Chairman, Cross Country Team
Honors: Massey Scholar, Holmes Community College Ambassador, President's List, Board of Trustees Scholarship recipient
Quote: "Charles Lamb wrote, 'The human species, according to the best theory I can form of it, is composed of two distinct races, the men who borrow and the men who lend.' While I know that I am merely a borrower, I hope to help the people who are not as blessed as I and become a member of the race of lenders."



Cindy J. Sitzman

- College: Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College - Jefferson Davis Campus
- Hometown: Biloxi
- Age: 27
- Major: Chemical Engineering
- GPA: 3.93

Transferring to: George Washington University
Activities: Phi Theta Kappa President, Sophomore Class Vice President, Student Council, Keesler Air Force Base Officers' Spouses Club, Mississippi State Special Olympics Committee, American Red Cross Volunteer, Mississippi Gulf Coast Clean the Beach, Biloxi Women's Shelter, United Way Volunteer
Honors: President's List, Honors Scholarship Recipient
Quote: "I began tutoring, a form of teaching, and embarked on one of the most satisfying journeys since entering college. Although this tutoring is informal, really just group study, it has enhanced my interpersonal relationships, communication skills, and maturity. Most importantly, it has given me a great sense of self-satisfaction, enhanced my retention of course work, and helped me fulfill a lifelong dream of giving of myself to others...It has been repeated throughout time that the greatest gift a person can give is the gift of self, for what you'll discover in return is the greatest gift of all!"

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1995 MISSISSIPPI ALL-

Students named to all-state teams

■ *State's top scholars honored at luncheon.*

Special to The Clarion-Ledger

Fifty students have been named to the First Team of the 1995 All-Mississippi Academic Team for Community and Junior Colleges.

In all, 47 students were named to three teams in recognition of academic achievement, leadership accomplishment and community service involvement.

The award program is sponsored by *The Clarion-Ledger*, Phi Theta Kappa International Honor Society and the Mississippi Association of Community and Junior Colleges. First held in 1994, the program has become an annual event.

Members of the All-Mississippi Teams were honored guests at a luncheon Wednesday at the Ramada Coliseum in Jackson. Dr. David Pierce, president of the American Association of Community Colleges, Washington, D.C., was the guest speaker.

All 47 students were presented special medallions by Pierce. Sponsors of the program include South Central Bell, Mississippi Valley Gas, Deposit Guaranty Bank, Mississippi Power Company, Mississippi Chemical Corporation, Mississippi Power & Light Company, Bank of Mississippi, Peoples Bank & Trust - Tupelo.

More than 40 individuals from the Metro-Jackson area and a panel of representatives from national education associations in Washington, D.C., selected the All-Mississippi Teams. This same group also served as judges for the national academic competition, All-USA Academic Teams, sponsored by *USA Today*, Phi Theta Kappa and the American Association of Community and Junior Colleges.

Students selected for the All-Mississippi Teams are automatically considered for placement on the national teams. More than 900 applications were submitted for the national competition this year. Students named to the All-USA Academic Teams receive stipends or plaques and will be featured in the April 24 issue of *USA Today*.

In the history of the national competition, Mississippi's 17 community and junior colleges are second only to Texas, with more than 70 two-year college campuses, in placing students on the All-USA Academic Teams. Each community and junior college president can nominate two students per campus for consideration in the program. Winners are selected on the basis of completed applications, written essays, letters of recommendation, academic performance, demonstration of leadership and community service involvement.

Phi Theta Kappa, the Jackson-based International Honor Society, administers the All-State and All-USA Academic Team programs from its headquarters. All-State programs are being launched this year in Alabama, Delaware, Florida, Indiana, Illinois, Maryland, Michigan, Missouri, New Jersey and New York, using the All-Mississippi program as a model.

SECOND TEAM

Elizabeth Barnhill: Hinds Community College – Raymond. Major: pre-physical therapy, pre-occupational therapy.

Doris Crawford: Coahoma Community College. Major: mathematics education.



James C. Byrd

■ Jones County Junior College.
■ **Hometown:** Richton.
■ **Age:** 20.
■ **Major:** pre-medicine.
■ **GPA:** 4.0.
■ **Transferring to:** University Southern Mississippi.
■ **Activities:** Phi Theta Kappa p dent, yearbook editor, sophomore president, Counsel on Drug Alcohol Awareness treasurer.
■ **Honors:** National Dean's Presidential List scholar, Thoma Harris Science Scholarship.
■ **Quote:** "Had it not been fo attending a junior college with its tively smaller enrollment in com son to senior college, I would prob not have had the opportunit become so involved in the numbe variety of organizations that I am ciated with, including the coun leadership. And because of these ests and the effect on me, I now control of time. And in the health profession, time is an invaluable ponent that can even determine lif death. Franklin Delano Roo understood this and once said, ' before have we had so little ti which to do so much.' Perhap greatest lesson of college is that tify with this proverb."



STATE ACADEMIC TEAM



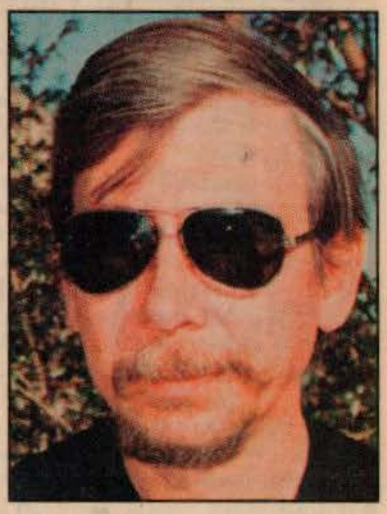
Robyn D. Cagle

- Pearl River Community College.
- **Hometown:** Purvis.
- **Age:** 36.
- **Major:** medical office technology.
- **GPA:** 4.0.
- **Transferring to:** University of Southern Mississippi.
- **Activities:** Phi Theta Kappa member, Alpha Omega member, Phi Beta Lambda secretary.
- **Honors:** Pearl River Community College student honoree, President's List.
- **Quote:** "PRCC provides students with such an environment and with many opportunities to achieve their goals. My lifelong goal is to give back the encouragement that illuminated my desire to grow and to become a part of the cooperative efforts of business and education as a mentor."



Kate M. Fountain

- Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College - Jackson County.
- **Hometown:** Ocean Springs.
- **Age:** 20.
- **Major:** pre-physical therapy.
- **GPA:** 4.0.
- **Transferring to:** University of Mississippi Medical Center.
- **Activities:** Phi Theta Kappa, Student Council president, yearbook staff.
- **Honors:** Freshman homecoming maid, Freshman Favorite, Sophomore Favorite, homecoming queen, National Collegiate Student Government Award, President's List, Hall of Fame, Who's Who Among Students in American Junior Colleges.
- **Quote:** "By being an active participant in campus life, I have learned to take advantage of every opportunity that comes my way and to take risks to achieve my goals. I have grown as a person because I have accepted new challenges and learned that to be a leader you must first be a servant."



Daniel Fox Jr.

- Meridian Community College.
- **Hometown:** Meridian.
- **Age:** 43.
- **Major:** medical laboratory.
- **GPA:** 4.0.
- **Transferring to:** Undecided.
- **Activities:** Meridian Community College Scholars Bowl team, Phi Theta Kappa vice president, Student Medical Lab Technology Club president.
- **Honors:** Meridian Community College President's List, state champion Scholars Bowl team.
- **Quote:** "I believe that one of the most important things that any post-secondary student can learn is that you often have to solve problems in life without being able to rely on a cookbook."







Micheal Hemphill: East Mississippi Community College. Major: electrical engineering.
Kristen Hronek: Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College – Jackson County. Major: business administration and pre-law.
David Hurst Jr.: East Central Community College. Major: pre-law/political science.
Amy Johnson: Southwest Mississippi Community College. Major: elementary education and/or special education.
Kevin Johnson: Itawamba Community College – Fulton. Major: premedicine.
Kristi Kibby: Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College - Perkinston. Major: business administration.
James Lindsey: Itawamba Community College. Major: engineering.
Anthony Mayhan: Holmes Community College – Grenada. Major: premedicine.
Brady Richardson: Holmes Community College – Goodman. Major: pre-medicine, biology.
Laura Smith: Copiah-Lincoln Community College – Wesson. Major: broadcast journalism or public relations.
Timothy Snyder: Copiah-Lincoln Community College – Natchez. Major: accounting.
Alan Spurgeon: Pearl River Community College. Major: math and environmental biology.

THIRD TEAM

Jacqueline Adams: Hinds Community College – Utica. Major: media technology.
Patricia Bahn: Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College - Jefferson Davis. Major: nursing.
Debra Bullard: East Mississippi Community College. Major: funeral service.
Harold Bushey: East Mississippi Community College – Golden-Triangle. Major: electronics technology.
Nedra Conerly: Hinds Community College – Utica. Major: child development technology.
Michael Daschbach: Holmes Community College – Ridgeland. Major: business administration and accounting.
Nahil Garboua: Mary Holmes College. Major: computer science.
Cris Hendry: Hinds Community College – Raymond. Major: paralegal technology.
Price Hodges IV: Mississippi Delta Community College. Major: 0ccupational therapy.
Jasen Hodges: Holmes Community College – Goodman, Major: nursing.
Davida Hunt: Coahoma Community College. Major: English education.
Heather Jackson: Northeast Mississippi Community College. Major: occupational therapy.
Phillip Lambert: Northwest Mississippi Community College – Senatobia. Major: nursing.
Joann Meacham: Northwest Mississippi Community College – Senatobia. Major: elementary education.
Pamela Ray: Copiah-Lincoln Community College – Natchez. Major: pre-nursing.
Jennifer Moak: Copiah-Lincoln Community College – Wesson. Major: business administration and accounting.
Anthony Nix: Mississippi Delta Community College. Major: polymer science.
Carisa Nixon: Hinds Community College – Vicksburg Major: nursing.
Alisa Ogle: Hinds Community College – Jackson. Major: elementary education
Christie Robinson: Hinds Community College – Vicksburg. Major: nursing.
Jennifer Steed: Holmes Community College – Ridgeland. Major: occupational therapy.
Charlotte Vaughn: Meridian Community College. Major: medical record technology.
Valerie Watts: Mary Holmes College. Major: English.



Coni Gooch

- Hinds Community College-Jackson.
- **Hometown:** Jackson.
- **Age:** 41.
- **Major:** physical therapy.
- **GPA:** 3.6.
- **Transferring to:** University of Mississippi.
- **Activities:** Phi Theta Kappa, Habitat for Humanity, College and Career director, Prison Fellowship, Gateway Mission.
- **Honors:** Dean's List, Outstanding Student nominee for All-American Team, Development Scholarship-Wooley Foundation, Who's Who Among Community and Junior Colleges.
- **Quote:** "I now have a deeper insight into the words of Albert Schweitzer: 'The purpose of life is to serve and to show compassion and the will to help others. Only then have we ourselves become true human beings.' "

Mandy Sessums

- East Central Community College.
- **Hometown:** Union.
- **Age:** 20.
- **Major:** secondary education/English.
- **GPA:** 4.0.
- **Transferring to:** Mississippi State University.
- **Activities:** Phi Theta Kappa vice president of fellowship, Mu Alpha Theta reporter, Student Education Association.
- **Honors:** East Central Community College's Outstanding Humanities Student for 1993-94, President's Scholar, Collegiate Scholastic All-American, National Dean's List.
- **Quote:** "Wallis, Duchess of Windsor, once stated, 'A woman's life can really be a succession of lives, each revolving around some emotionally compelling situation of challenge, and each marked off by some intense experience.' On reflecting upon that, I have concluded that while each role a woman must play in life is diverse, all function within the realms of others.







Wanda D. Gray

- Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College.
- **Hometown:** Perkinston.
- Age: 21.
- **Major:** mathematics/secondary education.
- **GPA:** 3.81.
- **Transferring to:** University of Southern Mississippi.
- **Activities:** Phi Theta Kappa president, Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College Scholars Bowl team, Delta Club president.
- **Honors:** National Dean's List, Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College Vice President's List.
- **Quote:** "By growing up in the United States I knew that every person was different, but those interactions taught me how to get to know people for who they really are and how to handle situations that may arise between us. This type of knowledge is something that I could have never learned from a textbook. The only teacher that was capable of making me understand and the only one qualified to teach the course was a professor by the name of 'life.'"

Jennifer L. Hussey

- Northeast Mississippi Community College.
- **Hometown:** Corinth.
- **Age:** 20.
- **Major:** chemistry.
- **GPA:** 4.0.
- **Transferring to:** Mississippi State University.
- **Activities:** Student Government Association vice president, Phi Theta Kappa vice president, College Republicans.
- **Honors:** President's List, Who's Who Among American College Students, National Dean's List.
- **Quote:** "I have decided to take new directions in the leadership positions I currently hold. Opening my mind to new options, I am making strides to add strength to these positions in my life. This profound change that has occurred at Northeast is one that will continue to shape my life, my community and my profession making me a leader...not only in title, but also in actions."

Amanda L. Jones

- Southwest Mississippi Community College.
- **Hometown:** Summit.
- **Age:** 20.
- **Major:** journalism.
- **GPA:** 4.0.
- **Transferring to:** University of Mississippi.
- **Activities:** Phi Theta Kappa, school newspaper editor, Honors Forum participant, Student Government Association, yearbook staff, marching and stage bands.
- **Honors:** Outstanding Student, Hall of Fame, President's List.
- **Quote:** "I opted to postpone attending a four-year university. Without a specific goal, I was afraid that I might waste both money and time. At Southwest, I found my bridge to success through personal relationships with my instructors and their lessons."



or example, down the path of life and perience, I will balance being a wife, other, friend, professional leader and e list goes on and on. And, when the portunity came up at East Central ommunity College to participate in e Phi Theta Kappa Leadership Class, jumped right in with an open mind d heart."

Heather C. Walker

- Jones County Junior College-Ellisville.
- **Hometown:** Waynesboro.
- **Age:** 19.
- **Major:** chemistry.
- **GPA:** 4.0.
- **Transferring to:** Undecided.
- **Activities:** Student Government Association-Social Committee chairman, Phi Theta Kappa, National Dean's List, Dyess Endowment Scholarship.
- **Honors:** National Dean's List, President's List, Dyess Endow-ment Scholarship.
- **Quote:** "Being involved in two varsity sports and numerous clubs and activities has definitely been an educational challenge. Jones County Junior College has given me so many wonderful opportunities to help myself and others grow physically, emotionally and educationally."



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1997 Mississippi All-

States top scholars honored at luncheon.

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First Team will be featured in the April 14 issue of USA Today and each student will receive a $2500 stipend. Several Mississippi students have been named to the national First Team in the past.

Each Mississippi student will be presented a special All-State medallion today. Program sponsors include: Bank of Mississippi, Bell South, Deposit Guaranty National Bank, Entergy, Jackson Coca-Cola Bottling Company, Mississippi Chemical Corporation, Mississippi Power Company, Mississippi Valley Gas, Pepsi Cola of Corinth, South Mississippi Electric Power Association, Tecumseh Products Company, *The Clarion Ledger*, Trustmark Bank, and Union Planters Bank.

Phi Theta Kappa administers the All-State and All-USA Academic Team Programs from its Jackson-based Headquarters. The first All-State Academic Team Program was launched in 1994 in Mississippi. This year 30 states will sponsor All-State Academic Team programs using the All-Mississippi program as a model.



Marina I. Luybimova
- College: Northwest Mississippi Community College - Senatobia
- Hometown: Murmansk, Russia
- Age: 18
- Major: Pre-Law
- GPA: 4.0

Transferring to: University of Mississippi
Activities: Northwest Community College Student Senate Representative, Pre-Law Society, Spanish Club, Math and Science Club
Honors: Phi Theta Kappa International Honor Society, President's List, Outstanding Student for HEADWAE
Quote: I took one course that gave me an opportunity to better understand American society and relate to it. This was a course in Social Problems...The thesis of the class is to familiarize the students with the basic problems of American society and to teach them to analyze and look at the surrounding world critically. I have learned a lot about Americans and also I was able to interrelate with my classmates and professor concerning my country and its social andeconomical situation. This class was in reality an international course in which American students would teach me about their country, and I would share my knowledge with them about Russia.



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- Age: 19
- Major: Libe
- GPA: 4.0

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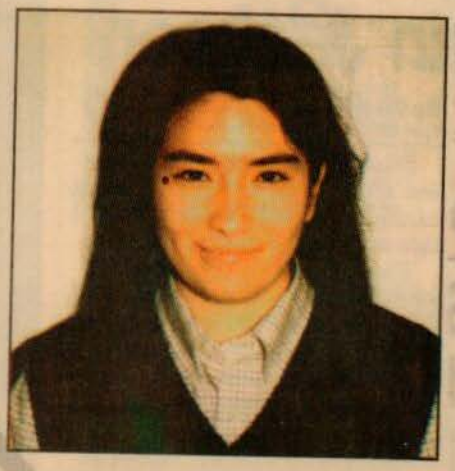
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opefully land among the stars.



Rhonda L. Smith
- College: Meridian Community College
- Hometown: Meridian
- Age: 20
- Major: English/Psychology
- GPA: 4.0

Transferring to: University of Southern Mississippi
Activities: Reporter for Phi Theta Kappa, Reporter and Historian for Future Teachers' Assoc., Participant in Leadership Effectiveness and Development Program, Chair of PTK faculty/staff luncheon, Student member of Mississippi Professional Educators, Contributing writer for campus newspaper, Tutor for Wesley House Community Center and Campus Link-AmeriCorps, College algebra tutor, Participant in PTK High School Scholars Bowl, Member of Highland Baptist Church Young Adults Sunday School class
Honors: Mary Lee Roberts Future Teachers Scholar, The National Deans List Scholar, The MCC Foundation Patrons Scholar, named to the President's List
Quote: I grew attached to the students I tutored and continue to speak to them whenever I see one of their smiling faces on campus or elsewhere in the community. I have gotten my first taste of the bond between student and teacher, and I cannot envision myself doing anything but teaching.



Jennifer J. Vega
- College: East Mississippi Community College - Golden Triangle Campus
- Hometown: Columbus
- Major: Banking/Finance Technology
- GPA: 3.914

Transferring to: Mississippi University for Women
Activities: Delta Epsilon Chi President, Phi Beta Lamba American Enterprise Day, Children's Miracle Network, Community Service Activities
Honors: President's List, National Dean's List, Who's Who Among Students in American Junior Colleges
Quote: There is a vast world of knowledge that can be attained, yet it is obvious that we can only grasp a finite measure of it. This is a humbling experience, and it makes me thankful for the measure of abilities that God has granted me. Being a college student has taught me to appreciate the opportunity I have been afforded to pursue education. I know that I am not just going to school to better myself, but that I am in school so that I may be a benefit to others.







HONORABLE MENTION:

Peggy J. Adams: Hinds Community College Vicksburg-Warren County Branch. Major: Nursing. GPA: 3.89

Shelly R. Baker: Hinds Community College Jackson Campus-Nursing Allied Health Center. Major: Nursing. GPA: 3.56.

Kristen M. Bevill: Holmes Community College-Goodman Campus. Major: Biology. GPA: 3.8.

Pamela A. Blackledge: Pearl River Community College-Forest County. Major: Dental Hygiene. GPA: 3.827.

Daniel C. Blaylock: Holmes Community College-Goodman Campus. Major: Accounting. GPA: 4.0.

Sherby L. Bozeman: East Mississippi Community College-Scooba. Major: Secondary Education. GPA: 3.7.

Shanna L. Breckenridge: East Mississippi Community College-Scooba Campus. Major: Pre-Pharmacy. GPA: 4.0.

Leslie M. Burgess: Mississippi Delta Community College. Major: Secondary Education-English and French. GPA: 4.0.

Kelley A. Cauthen: Holmes Community College-Ridgeland Campus. Major: Accounting. GPA:4.0.

Sherry D. Chance: Copiah-Lincoln Community College-Wesson. Major: Pre-Dentistry /Microbiology. GPA: 3.86.

Patsy J. Chandler: Copiah-Lincoln Community College-Natchez Campus. Major: Business Administration. GPA: 3.87.

Denise Cowan: Hinds Community College-Jackson Campus. Major: Business Technology/Office Systems Technology. GPA: 3.81.

Sacha R. Creel: Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College-Jackson County Campus. Major:Occupational Therapy. GPA: 3.84.

Brian J. Cuevas: Pearl River Community College. Major: Ploymer Science. GPA: 4.0.

Shunchitta U. Dorsey: Coahoma Community College. Major: Radio and Television Broadcasting. GPA: 4.0.

Sherril M. Edwards: Coahoma Community College. Major: Pre-Pharmacy. GPA: 3.80.

Jennifer L.B. Gray: Hinds Community College-Jackson Campus. Major: Medical Laboratory Technology. GPA: 3.92.

Katrina MAE Griffith: Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College-Jefferson Davis Campus.Major: Elementary Special Education. GPA: 3.89.

Allen M. Haraway: Northwest Mississippi Community College-Senatobia. Major: Biology.GPA: 3.93.

Deborah K. Jenkins: Hinds Community College-Raymond. Major: Photography. GPA: 4.0.

Sherralann P. Longmire: Copiah-Lincoln Community College-Natchez Campus. Major: Pre-Nursing. GPA:3.92.

Melanie S. McCrimon: Itawamba Community College-Fulton Campus. Major: Accounting.GPA: 3.31.

Mauricka D. McKenzie: Jones County Junior College-Ellisville. Major: Civil Engineering. GPA: 3.88.

William T. Messina: Hinds Community College-Vicksburg Warren County Branch. Major: Criminal Justice. GPA: 3.83.

Farah Mohiuddin: Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College-Jefferson Davis Campus. Major: Dietetics. GPA: 3.68.

Julie E. Noel: Hinds Community College-Rankin Campus. Major: Accounting. GPA: 4.0.

Amanda M. Palmer: Itawamba Community College-Fulton Campus. Major: Music. GPA: 4.0.

Kendra L. Pittman: Pearl River Community College-Poplarville. Major: Criminal Justice.GPA: 4.0.

Stephen E. Poole: Meridian Community College. Major: Pharmacy. GPA: 3.8.

Noymi A. Ramey: Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College-Perkinston Campus. Major: Physical Therapy. GPA: 3.86.

Beth Ryan-Herzig: Holmes Community College-Ridgeland Campus. Major: Secondary Education-English. GPA: 3.795.

George Sanders: Jones County Junior College. Major: Engineering. GPA: 4.0.

Thomas S. Schmitz: Holmes Community College-Grenada Campus. Major: International Business-Japanese. GPA: 3.3.

Chad Sharpe: Mary Holmes College. Major: Social Science/Political Science. GPA:3.9.

Lishia K. Simmons: Hinds Community College-Rankin Campus. Major: Pre-Nursing. GPA: 4.0.

Drennar Smith: Hinds Community College-Utica Campus. Major: Accounting. GPA: 3.837.

Pamela L. Snider: Holmes Community College-Grenada Campus. Major: Business Administration. GPA: 3.9.

Julie A. Stewart: Pearl River Community College-Forrest County. Major: Occupational Therapy Assistant. GPA: 3.699.

Kimberly E. Tatum: Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College-Perkinston Campus. Major: Business Management. GPA: 4.0.

Stephanie D. Taylor: East Central Community College. Major: Accounting. GPA: 4.0.

LaWanda Triplett: Mary Holmes College. Major: Accounting. GPA: 3.192.

Jerry S. Walker: Northeast Mississippi Community College. Major: Pharmacy. GPA: 4.0.

Jessica A. Wallace: Southwest Mississippi Community College. Major: Pharmacy. GPA: 4.0.

Sandra C. Flake

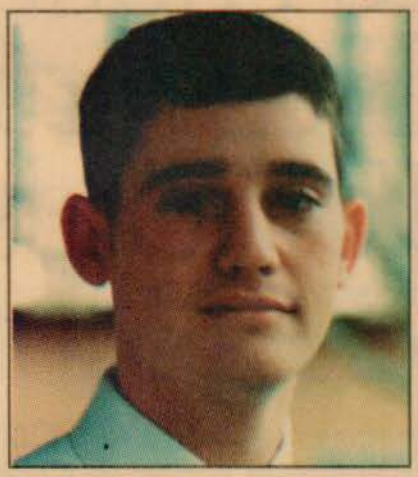
- College: Northeast Mississippi Community College
- Hometown: Ripley
- Age: 23
- Major: Elementary Education
- GPA: 4.0

Transferring to: University of Mississippi
Activities: Writer - The Beacon, Drafted Newsletter for Phi Theta Kappa, Initiation Committee for Phi Theta Kappa, Cheese Sale Fundraiser for Phi Theta Kappa
Honors: President's List, William Winter Scholarship, National Dean's List
Quote: I plan to obtain a teaching degree and obtain a position somewhere in Northeast,Mississippi. I would like to make a difference in the children of tomorrow.

Jason N. Er

- College: Missis
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- Hometown: Ind
- Age: 19
- Major: PreEngi
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William D. Henry

- College: Hinds Community College Raymond Campus
- Hometown: Vicksburg
- Age: 19
- Major: Physical Therapy
- GPA: 4.0

Transferring to: University of Mississippi Medical Center
Activities: Hinds Connection Student Recruiting Group, Intramural Chairman, Circle K Club, BSU, HCC Football Team Statistician, Intramural Football, Basketball, Volleyball, Softball
Honors: President's List Scholar, ACT Presidential Scholarship, Mississippi Eniment Scholars Grant Recipient, Who's Who Among Students in Community/Junior Colleges
Quote: Whether it is school, my career, or just life in general, if I am willing to give it my all,I can be successful.

Stephanie I

- College: Southw
- Hometown: Glo
- Age: 19
- Major: Biology
- GPA: 4.0

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hand in hand.

Dana C. Dykes

• College: Copiah-Lincoln Community College -Wesson Campus
• Hometown: Brookhaven
• Age: 19
• Major: English
• GPA: 3.9

Transferring to: Mississippi College

Activities: Phi Theta Kappa Vice President, English Club President, Baptist Student Union Coordinator, Microcosm Literary Magazine - Historian, Student Play Director, Trailblazer, President's Council, Future Teachers of America, Modern Foreign Language Club, Choir Member

Honors: Dean's List, Endowed Scholarship, Academic Scholarship, Choral Scholarship,Who's Who Among Students in American Junior Colleges, Phi Theta Kappa

Quote: As a result of my personal relationship with this professor, my life's direction has been substantially altered. I truly believe I could not have received this individual attention and guidance at a four-year institution. I also strongly feel that had I not chosen to attend this community college, I would not have decided to alter my course of study. I would have become the occupational and physical therapist whose heart was not in her work. I credit my educational experience at the community college level with being and continuing to be a truly life-changing one.

Madeline Zimmerman

• College: Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College - Jackson County Gautier Campus
• Hometown: Ocean Springs
• Age: 32
• Major: Elementary Education
• GPA: 4.0

Transferring to: University of Southern Mississippi

Activities: Phi Theta Kappa Service Chairperson, organizing blood drives, assisting with the Depression Awareness program and participating in the Adopt-A-Family Program, tutor and mentor for New Horizon's, director of Children's Ministry for the Lemoyne Baptist Church, Parent-Teacher Organization secretary for St.Martin Elementary School, assistant commissioner of the Youth Hockey League for eight cities, St. Martin Dixie Youth Baseball team mom, and teacher's aide

Honors: Who's Who Among Students in American Junior Colleges, JCC Hall of Fame, President's List

Quote: I realized immediately when Mrs. Odom entered the room that she was not the typical teacher to whom I had grown accustomed...she instructed us to have a seat on the floor...Mrs. Odom climbed onto the table at the front of the class where she appeared to grow ten feet in height! Although I cannot remember the exact words I feel certain of the meaning of her introduction to Art for Elementary Teachers...Don't take for granted the power that you will have over the little ones you teach. They spend most of their day looking up at a giant who can motivate them to excel or looking up to someone who smothers their very will to learn and achieve...Every day that I attended her class reinforced my aspiration to teach and to make a difference—a real difference—in the lives of children.

ALL-MISSISSIPPI ACADEMIC TEAM
Community/Junior Colleges
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States top scholars honored at luncheon

■ All-Mississippi Academic Team named

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Kara Brown

College: Copiah-Lincoln Community College - Natchez Campus

- Hometown: Natchez
- Age: 20
- Major: Accounting
- GPA: 4.0

Transferring to: University of Southern Mississippi

Activities: Phi Theta Kappa Secretary, Phi Beta Lambda Treasurer, First United Pentecostal Church-Pianist, Children's Ministry, Copiah-Lincoln Community College-Tutor.

Honors: HEADWAE-Outstanding Student of the Year, National Dean's List, Who's Who Among Students in American Junior Colleges, Thomas Waring "Buddy" Bennett Jr., Scholarship, Outstanding Tutor Award, Student of the Month.

Quote: Also without the strong support and direction of each faculty member, I would have been less enthusiastic in my educational approach. This speaks highly of the superb quality of education at Copiah-Lincoln Community College, and explains why I am so proud to be a part of this institution that has capably prepared me for my future.



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All-State Academic Team



Erik Brown

College: Meridian Community College - Meridian Campus

- Hometown: Toomsuba
- Age: 19
- Major: Computer Engineering
- GPA: 4.0

Transferring to: Mississippi State University

Activities: Phi Theta Kappa Chapter vice president and MS/LA Regional vice president, Forensics-MTSU Tournament, SEMO Tournament, participant in LEAD program, Orientation Leader, participant in Campus Activity-October Fest, chairman of chapter participation in Fellowship/Campus Life Activity for Athletic Activities, Varsity Baseball.

Honors: HEADWAE Award for Most Outstanding Academic Student, Niemetz Math Scholarship, President's List, Faculty Association Scholarship Nominee, presiding officer at MS/LA/AL Regional Mini-Honors Institute, delegate to Phi Theta Kappa International Convention, delegate to MS/LA Regional Phi Theta Kappa Convention.

Quote: It was entering Phi Theta Kappa which provided for my most outstanding educational experience because it gave me the passion for education that for so long had been lackluster for me.



Michelle Burnett

College: Hinds Community College - Utica Campus

- Hometown: Utica
- Age: 28
- Major: Accounting
- GPA: 3.45

Transferring to: Mississippi College

Activities: Phi Theta Kappa-Alpha Beta Xi Chapter president, reporter and photographer for the "Maroon & Gold Flash," Mascot for the Bulldog Basketball Teams, Soprano Section Leader for Choral Choir, member of Gospel Choir, Student Government Representative for Sophomore Class, Sophomore Class Treasurer.

Honors: Dean's Scholar, Who's Who Among Students in American Junior Colleges, Merit Scholarship Award Recipient, Cheerleading Scholarship Award Recipient.

Quote: My grades are the best they have ever been in my entire scholastic career. I am persistent in my belief that without God and my community college I would never have been able to accomplish my goals or to continue to set an example for my child.



Jill Childress

College: Southwest Mississippi Community College - Summit Campus

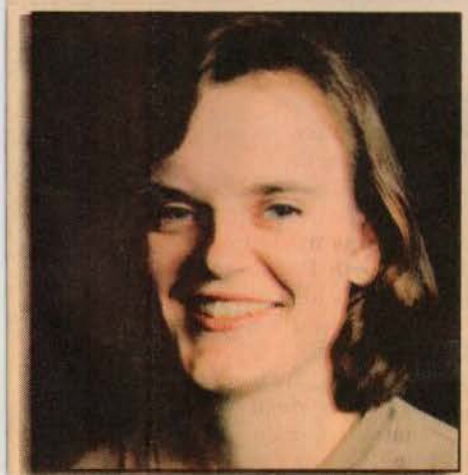
- Hometown: Summit
- Age: 32
- Major: History
- GPA: 4.0

Transferring to: University of Southern Mississippi

Activities: Scholars' Bowl team member, Pine Burr Staff Writer, Art Student.

Honors: Phi Theta Kappa-Omicron Delta Chapter president, Phi Theta Kappa Honors Forum, HEADWAE Outstanding Student, Newton H. James Scholarship, Western Civilization Award, Introduction to Computers Award, President's List, National Dean's List, ACT Academic Scholarship.

Quote: Scholars' Bowl was a pivotal point in my life. After I began to believe in my abilities, I joined other campus organizations. I even mustered the boldness to run for office in Phi Theta Kappa. As president, I have honed leadership skills that I never knew I possessed.







College: East Central Community College - Decatur Campus

- Hometown: Walnut Grove
- Age: 20
- Major: Pre-pharmacy
- GPA: 4.0

Transferring to: University of Mississippi
Activities: Sigma Sigma Mu Tau, President's Council, Jackson Hall President, Fashion Squad, Disciplinary Committee, Vice-President of Wesley Foundation, Beauty Pageant Committee, Student Council, Student Body Association President, Warrior Corps, Diamond Girl, Grievance Committee, Absentee Appeal Committee, ECCC Players-MAME Musical.
Honors: Frank M. Cross Freshman Chemistry Award, Leon Eubanks KALJYC-PEERS Leadership Award, Student Government Award, Presidents' List Scholar, Who's Who Among Students of American Junior Colleges, All-American Scholar, United States Achievement Academy, National Dean's List.
Quote: Serving as Student Body Association President is both an honor and a privilege made possible by my fellow students. They entrusted me to be their voice in student government and to represent them off campus as well. I could possibly never fully realize how much this experience has taught me, but I do know that it has made me grow as a leader, and more importantly as a person. East Central's motto is "With You In Mind." The "you" in this motto refers to the students, and I do my best to remember this in all my endeavors.

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HONORABLE MENTION:

Brian Austin: Holmes Community College - Grenada Center
Major: Pre Med GPA: 3.56

Lady Belenchia: Mississippi Delta Community College
Major: Elementary Education GPA: 3.92

James Cannon: Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College - Jefferson Davis
Major: Pre Med/Physician Asst GPA: 3.83

Elisa Carney: Hinds Community College - Raymond
Major: International Business GPA: 4.00

James Chapman: Copiah-Lincoln Community College - Wesson
Major: Chemical Engineering GPA: 3.88

Jessica Clingan: Itawamba Community College - Fulton
Major: Physical Therapy GPA: 3.93

Ann-Claydon Comer: Northwest Mississippi Community College
Major: Nursing GPA: 3.94

Timothy Cook: Hinds Community College - Vicksburg
Major: Business GPA: 3.77

Maxcine Dean: Mary Holmes Junior College
Major: Accounting GPA: 4.00

Douglas Doster: Holmes Community College - Ridgeland
Major: Interior Design GPA: 3.59

Kasondra Dunnaway: Holmes Community Collge - Ridgeland
Major: Nursing GPA: 3.70

Long Eual: Jones County Junior College
Major: Math/Religion/Philosophy GPA: 4.00

Tracy Floyd: Copiah-Lincoln Community College - Natchez
Major: Office Systems Tech GPA: 3.82

Darrin Flynn: Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College - Jefferson Davis
Major: Aerospace Engineering GPA: 3.79

Amy Funderburg: Holmes Community College - Grenada Center
Major: Pharmacy GPA: 3.60

Rachel Gillon: Northwest Mississippi Community College
Major: Pre Radiologic Technology GPA: 3.70

Shennell Grant: Hinds Community College - Vicksburg
Major: Physical Ther/Social Work GPA: 3.20

Sarah Hendrix: Hinds Community College - Rankin
Major: Nursing GPA: 4.00

Tonya Johnston: Itawamba Community College - Tupelo
Major: Office Systems Technology GPA: 4.00

Martin Kendrick: Pearl River Community College - Poplarville
Major: Electrical/Comp. Engineering GPA: 3.84

Marko Kostic: Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College - Perkinston
Major: Electrical Engineering GPA: 4.00

Kendall Ladner: Pearl River Community College
Major: Electrical Engineering GPA: 3.53

Denise Mathis: Northeast Mississippi Community College
Major: Pre Optometry GPA: 3.63

Sarah Mattox: Northeast Mississippi Community College
Major: Physical TherapyGPA: 3.72

Doris McDade: East Mississippi Community College - Scooba
Major: Physical Therapy GPA: 3.93

Angela Mullins: Copiah-Lincoln Community College - Wesson
Major: Pre Med (Biology) GPA: 3.62

Jennifer O'Neal: Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College - Perkinston
Major: Business AdministrationGPA: 4.00

Mary Oliver: Pearl River Community College - Forrest County Center
Major: Occupational Ther Asst. GPA: 3.84

Chauncy Prentiss: Coahoma Community College
Major: English Education GPA: 3.76

Billie Randol: Southwest Mississippi Community College
Major: Medical Technology GPA: 4.00

Anthony Rhodes: East Mississippi Community College - Golden Triangle
Major: Computer Programming GPA: 3.60

Connie Richardson: Hinds Community College - Jackson
Major: Nursing GPA: 3.70

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Brooke

Melani

Harry
County

Amy S

Kelly S

Kennet

Pamela

Scott W

Melissa Hanna

College: Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College - Jackson County Campus

- Hometown: Gautier
- Age: 19
- Major: Biology
- GPA: 3.9

Transferring to: University of Southern Mississippi

Activities: Phi Theta Kappa vice president of Leadership, Regional Leadership Conference, Mississippi/Louisiana/Alabama Regional Honors Institute, Creator of Interactive Exhibit at J.L. Scott Marine Education Center.

Honors: Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College Hall of Fame, Who's Who Among American Junior College Students, President's List, Vice President's List, Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College Honors Scholarship, Mu Alpha Theta Advisor.

Quote: That night, as we were working furiously, I knew I learned more that year than biology, projects and presentations. And at that point, I realized that Dr. Melton knew she was teaching us much more. During the frequent anecdotes she used to better illustrate her lessons, whether they were stories about her bout with breast cancer or a reminder of the assorted bacteria found in the human mouth, she maintained a look on her face which told me she was teaching more than textbook biology. The tall figure amid students and mentors that night was, as usual, teaching the facts of life.

her Rogers: Hinds Community College - Rankin
Major: Business GPA: 3.82

aw: East Central Community College
Major: Computer Engineering GPA: 3.92

mith: Meridian Community College
Major: Speech Pathology GPA: 4.00

Sprayberry: Holmes Community College - Goodman
Major: Music Education/Psychology GPA: 4.00

ewart: Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College - Jackson

Major: History GPA: 3.73

ton: Hinds Community College - Raymond
Major: Elementary Education GPA: 3.84

lley: Mississippi Delta Community College
Major: Physical Therapy GPA: 4.00

Tree: Hinds Community College - Jackson
Major: Nursing GPA: 3.43

Walker: East Mississippi Community College - Scooba
Major: Nursing GPA: 3.80

terfield: Hinds Community College - Raymond
Major: Engineering GPA: 4.00



Margaret Mills

College: Itawamba Community College - Fulton Campus

- Hometown: Nettleton
- Age: 38
- Major: Elementary Education
- GPA: 4.0

Transferring to: University of Mississippi

Activities: Carolina United Methodist Church Organist, Youth Choir Director, Church Historian, Communion Steward and Nominations Committee, United Methodist Women's Group Secretary, Community Library Volunteer, Community Cemetery Beatification Day.

Honors: Itawamba Community College President's List, Phi Theta Kappa.

Quote: My objective is still to become a teacher, but it is no longer the primary reason that I am a student. I know that this experience will be invaluable to me in whatever I do for the rest of my life. I know that I will be required to teach necessary skills, and they are necessary. But I must discover the "key" to my revelation of learning so that I can unlock the minds of my students. I want them to discover that learning is not difficult if you don't resist it.

Daniel Osborne

College: Holmes Community College - Goodman Campus

- Hometown: Ridgeland
- Age: 30
- Major: Biology/Chemistry
- GPA: 3.95

Transferring to: Mississippi College

Activities: Math and Combined Sciences Club, Baptist Student Union Executive Council, Phi Theta Kappa- Kappa Alpha Chapter, Holmes Ambassadors Recruitment Team, Growl School Newspaper Staff Writer.

Honors: Dr. Samuel O. Massey Scholar, Kelly Gene Cook Scholar, Ken Wooten Scholar's Bowl Third Place Winner, Mississippi Creative Writing Honorable Mention, Honors Forum, Scholar's Bowl Team Captain.

Quote: As I have matured both academically and personally during the past two years, college has shown me the value of every human being. Every person has attributes and talents which can be used to contribute positively to society. When we take the time and effort to demonstrate compassion by encouraging and building one another up, we are rewarded by seeing people accomplish things they only dreamed of achieving.



Patricia Sullivan

College: Jones County Junior College - Ellisville Campus

- Hometown: Mt. Olive
- Age: 50
- Major: Counseling
- GPA: 4.0

Transferring to: William Carey College

Activities: Feature Editor of The Radionian, Council on Drug and Alcohol Awareness, Student Government Association, Phi Theta Kappa - President and Chairman of Scholarship Committee.

Honors: Journalism Scholarship, Howard Scholarship, Heffernan Scholarship, President's List Scholar, Letter "J" Award, Who's Who, Hall of Fame.

Quote: Becoming a junior college student opened up a whole new life for me. As I worked diligently on my studies, I discovered I could still learn. As my self-assurance grew, I became more involved in many campus activities. Before I even knew what occurred, I was finding fulfillment and direction that had been missing for many years. Self-discovery has been an exciting process for me, and I have found great potential in my life because of my junior college experience.



Tamra Warren

College: Pearl River Community College - Forest County Center Campus

- Hometown: Brookhaven
- Age: 22
- Major: Physical Therapy
- GPA: 3.64

Transferring to: N/A

Activities: Science Club, English Club, Phi Theta Kappa, Trailblazer, Students Taking a Final Stand, Baptist Student Union, Varsity Softball.

Honors: Phi Theta Kappa, Who's Who Among American Community College Students.

Quote: My days are drawing near to graduation and the completion of my goal. I am anticipating graduation so I can start working in my home town and giving back to my community.

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Community and Junior College Presidents

FROM: Olon E. Ray

DATE: April 2, 1998

SUBJECT: Phi Theta Kappa Resolution

I am providing each of you with a copy of House Concurrent Resolution No. 105. I also sent a copy this week to each member of the 1998 PTK All-Mississippi Academic Team.

As always, I enjoyed the ceremony and celebration of these fine students. It is such a pleasure to participate in honoring the Mississippi All-Academic Team and to hear and read their accomplishments. You, your staff and faculty are to be commended for your continued efforts in facilitating learning with these admirable students.

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Attachment

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Jennifer L. Hussey

Northeast Mississippi Community College
Dr. Joe M. Childers, President
Iota Zeta Chapter
James Lamb, Advisor



Major: Chemistry
GPA: 4.00
Degree Objective: Ph.D.
Hometown: Corinth, MS

Amanda L. Jones

Southwest Community College
Dr. Horace C. Holmes, President
Omicron Delta Chapter
Bill Johnson, Advisor



Major: Journalism
GPA: 4.00
Degree Objective: M.A.
Hometown: Summit, MS

Mandy R. Sessums

East Central Community College
Dr. Eddie M. Smith, President
Theta Xi Chapter
Ann Burkes, Advisor



Major: Secondary Education/English
GPA: 4.00
Degree Objective: M.A.
Hometown: Union, MS

David M. Hurst Jr.

East Central Community College
Dr. Eddie M. Smith, President
Theta Xi Chapter
Ann Burks, Advisor

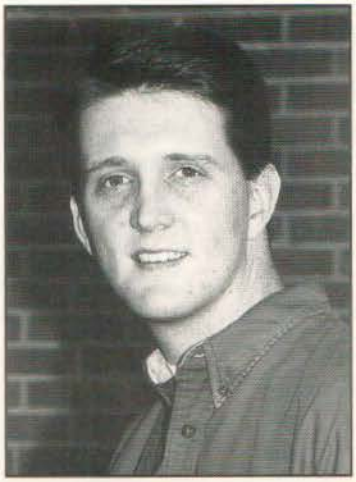
Major: Pre-Law/Political Science
GPA: 3.81
Degree Objective: M.A.
Hometown: Hickory, MS



Kevin R. Johnson

Itawamba Community College
Dr. David Cole, President
Upsilon Sigma Chapter
Margaret Wilburn, Advisor

Major: Pre-Med
GPA: 3.70
Degree Objective: B.A.
Hometown: Greenwood Springs, MS



Amy C. Johnston

Southwest Community College
Dr. Horace C. Holmes, President
Omicron Delta Chapter
Bill Johnson, Advisor

Major: Elementary/Special Education
GPA: 3.92
Degree Objective: M.A.
Hometown: Summit, MS



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Since the inaugural All-USA Academic Team for Community and Junior Colleges in 1991, Mississippi has had more students named to national teams than any other state excluding Texas. This is a rather impressive accomplishment considering that Texas has over 70 community colleges and Mississippi fewer than 20.

The following Mississippi community college students have been named to the All-USA Academic Team since its inception:

First Team

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STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 105

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION COMMENDING THE MEMBERS OF PHI THETA KAPPA'S ALL-MISSISSIPPI ACADEMIC TEAM ON THE OCCASION OF "MISSISSIPPI PHI THETA KAPPA DAY."

WHEREAS, March 10, 1998, marks the occasion of "Mississippi Phi Theta Kappa Day," an appropriate time for the Legislature of the State of Mississippi to recognize and salute Phi Theta Kappa, the esteemed honor society for community and junior colleges, which has its international headquarters located in Jackson, Mississippi; and

WHEREAS, special commendations are extended to the outstanding scholars who comprise Phi Theta Kappa's All-Mississippi Academic Team, a team of highly successful community and junior college students assembled by the Mississippi State Community and Junior College Board to participate in the Phi Theta Kappa's All-Mississippi Academic Team competition; and

WHEREAS, the following students have been recognized as members of the All-Mississippi Academic Team:

First Team

Kara Brown, Copiah-Lincoln Community College - Natchez Campus; Erik Brown, Meridian Community College; Michelle Burnette, Hinds Community College - Raymond Campus; Jill Childress, Southwest Mississippi Community College; Amy Gomillion, East Central Community College; Melissa Hanna, Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College - Jackson County Campus; Margaret Milts, Itawamba Community College - Fulton Campus; Daniel Osborne, Holmes Community College - Goodman Campus; Patricia Sullivan, Jones County Junior College; Tamra Warren, Pearl River Community College - Forrest County Center;

Honorable Mention

Brian Austin, Holmes Community College - Grenada Campus; Lady Belencia, Mississippi Delta Community College; James Cannon, Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College - Gulfport Campus; Elisa Carney, Hinds Community College - Raymond Campus; James Chapman, Copiah-Lincoln Community College - Wesson Campus; Jessica Clingan, Itawamba Community College - Fulton Campus; Ann-Claydon Comer, Northwest Mississippi Community College - Senatobia Campus; Timothy Cook, Hinds Community College - Vicksburg Campus; Maxcine Dean, Mary Holmes Junior College; Douglas Doster, Holmes Community College - Ridgeland Campus; Kasondra Dunnaway, Holmes Community College - Ridgeland Campus; Long Eual, Jones County Junior College; Tracy Floyd, Copiah-Lincoln Community College - Natchez Campus; Darrin Flynn, Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College - Jefferson Davis Campus; Amy Funderburg, Holmes Community College - Grenada Campus; Rachel Gillon, Northwest Mississippi Community College - Senatobia Campus; Shennell Grant, Hinds Community College - Vicksburg Campus; Sarah Hendrix, Hinds Community College - Pearl Campus; Tonya Johnston, Itawamba Community College - Tupelo Campus; Martin Kendrick, Pearl River Community College - Poplarville Campus; Marko Kostic, Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College - Perkinston Campus; Kendall Ladner, Pearl River Community College - Poplarville Campus; Denise Mathis, Northeast Mississippi Community College; Sarah Mattox, Northeast Mississippi Community College; Doris McDade, East Mississippi Community College - Scooba Campus; Angela Mullins, Copiah-Lincoln Community College - Wesson Campus; Mary Oliver, Pearl River Community College - Forrest County Center; Jennifer O'Neal, Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College - Perkinston Campus; Chauncy Prentiss, Coahoma Community College; Billy Randol, Southwest Mississippi Community College; Anthony Rhodes, East Mississippi Community College - Golden Triangle Campus; Connie Richardson, Hinds Community College - Jackson Campus; Christopher Rogers, Hinds Community College - Pearl Campus; Brian Shaw, East Central Community College; Brooke Smith, Meridian Community College; Melanie Sprayberry, Holmes Community College

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- Goodman Campus; Harry Stewart, Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College - Jackson County Campus; Amy Sutton, Hinds Community College - Raymond Campus; Kelly Swilley, Mississippi Delta Community College; Kenneth Tree, Hinds Community College - Jackson Campus; Pamela Walker, East Mississippi Community College - Scooba Campus; Scott Westerfield, Hinds Community College - Raymond Campus; and

WHEREAS, to be chosen as a member of Phi Theta Kappa's All-Mississippi Academic Team, these students must demonstrate impressive intellect, outstanding leadership and a determination to achieving academic excellence; and

WHEREAS, the praiseworthy and devoted efforts of the members of Phi Theta Kappa's All-Mississippi Academic Team have earned for them and their academic institutions the respect and admiration of the Legislature and of the citizenry of this state:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, THE SENATE CONCURRING THEREIN, That we hereby honor and congratulate Phi Theta Kappa and the members of Phi Theta Kappa's

All-Mississippi Academic Team, and commend the team members' outstanding competitive spirit as evidenced by their accomplishments.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be presented to members of Phi Theta Kappa's All-Mississippi Academic Team on the occasion of "Mississippi Phi Theta Kappa Day," be forwarded to the State Board for Community and Junior Colleges and be made available to the Capitol Press Corps.

ADOPTED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
March 9, 1998

Jr. Ford

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

ADOPTED BY THE SENATE
March 11, 1998

Sonia Nursove

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

Jill C. Childress

Southwest Mississippi Community College
Mr. Horace Holmes, President
Omicron Delta Chapter
William H. Johnson, Advisor

Major: History
GPA: 4.00
Hometown: Summit



Amy E. Gomillion

East Central Community College
Dr. Eddie M. Smith, President
Theta Xi Chapter
Dr. Shelby Harris & Ann Burkes, Advisors

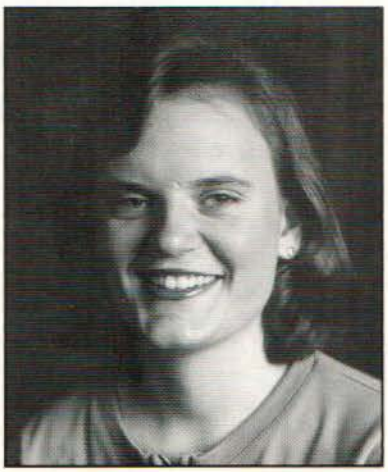
Major: Pharmacy
GPA: 4.00
Hometown: Walnut Grove

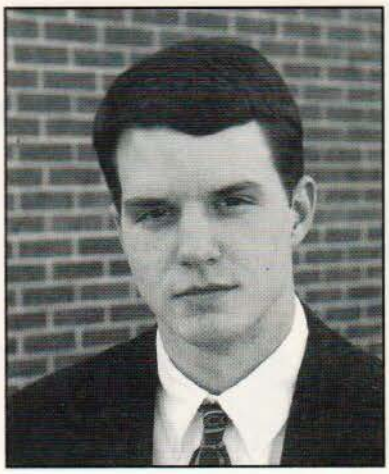


Melissa L. Hanna

Gulf Coast Community College - Jackson County Campus
Dr. Barry Mellinger, President
Pi Epsilon Chapter
Kay Sims, Advisor

Major: Biology
GPA: 3.90
Hometown: Gautier





Brian T. Shaw

East Central Community College
Dr. Eddie M. Smith, President
Theta Xi Chapter
Dr. Shelby Harris & Ann Burkes, Advisors

Major: Computer Engineering
GPA: 3.92
Hometown: Forest



Brooke D. Smith

Meridian Community College
Dr. William F. Scaggs, President
Nu Upsilon Chapter
Barbara Jones & Dr. Jim Dauphine, Advisors

Major: Speech Pathology
GPA: 4.00
Hometown: Meridian



Melanie A. Sprayberry

Holmes Community College
Dr. Starkey A. Morgan, President
Kappa Alpha Chapter
Julia Williams, Advisor

Major: Music Education/Psychology
GPA: 4.00
Hometown: Goodman

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Ouida P. Dobson

Copiah-Lincoln Community College - Natchez Campus
Dr. Howell C. Garner, President
Alpha Alpha Zeta Chapter
Kenneth J. Taylor, Advisor

Major: English
GPA: 3.95
Hometown: Vidalia, Louisiana



Uwe Dotzauer

East Central Community College – Decatur
Dr. Eddie M. Smith, President
Theta Xi Chapter
Ann Burkes, Advisor

Major: Electronic Technology
GPA: 3.70
Hometown: Newton



Ryan W. Dyer

Holmes Community College - Ridgeland Campus
Dr. Starkey A. Morgan, President
Alpha Lambda Sigma Chapter
Betty Sue Adams, Advisor

Major: Accounting
GPA: 3.80
Hometown: Ridgeland



Rachael L. Hampton

Hinds Community College - Raymond Campus
Dr. Clyde Muse, President
Gamma Lambda Chapter
Kristi Sather-Smith, Advisor

Major: Pre-Medicine
GPA: 3.47
Hometown: Jackson



Jeffrey N. Hansford

East Central Community College - Decatur Campus
Dr. Eddie M. Smith, President
Theta Xi Chapter
Ann Burkes, Advisors

Major: Liberal Arts
GPA: 4.00
Hometown: Hickory



Brian J. Hoffman

Hinds Community College - Rankin Campus
Dr. Clyde Muse, President
Alpha Omicron Omega Chapter
Lou Ann Williams, Advisor

Major: Psychology & Pre-Medicine
GPA: 3.60
Hometown: Brandon



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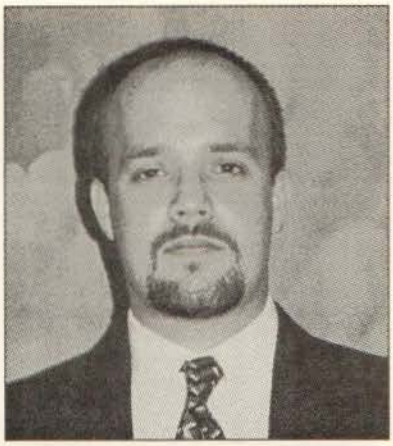
David Batarseh	Meridian Community College	1994

Ashley D. Jones
Theta Xi Chapter

East Central Community College, Decatur Campus
Dr. Phil Sutphin, President
Dr. Shelby Harris, Mrs. Ann Burkes
& Mrs. Christy Ferguson, Advisors

Major: Chemical Engineering
GPA: 4.0
Hometown: Forest





Jason D. Pratt
Rho Sigma Chapter

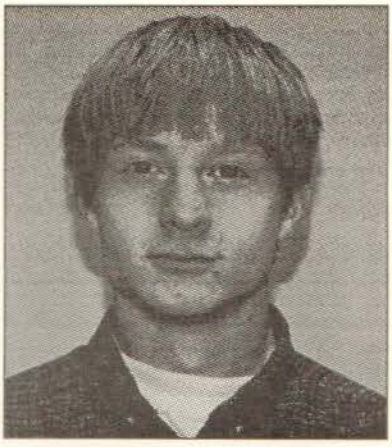
Jones County Junior College, Ellisville Campus
Dr. Ronald Whitehead, President
Ms. Patricia Holifield, Ms. Carol Bergin &
Dr. Jim Read, Advisors

Major: Polymer Science
GPA: 4.0
Hometown: Hattiesburg

Euley C. Rider, IV
Omicron Delta Chapter

Southwest Mississippi Community College, Summit
Dr. Horace Holmes, President
Ms. Diane Turnage & Mr. William H. Johnson, Advisors

Major: English & Music
GPA: 3.9268
Hometown: Liberty

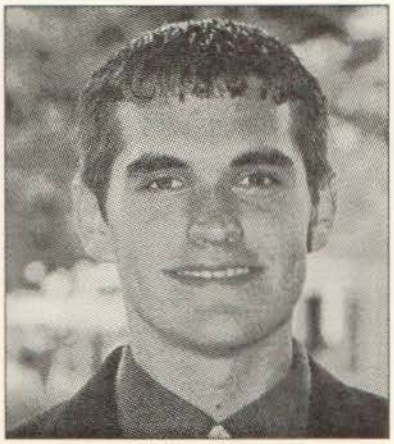


SARAH E. JOHNSON
Theta Xi Chapter



East Central Community College, Decatur Campus
Dr. Phil Sutphin, President
Dr. Shelby Harris, Mrs. Ann Burkes
& Mrs. Christy Ferguson, Advisors

Major: Speech & Language Pathology
GPA: 3.8
Hometown: Hickory



JOHN C. KELLY
Eta Omega Chapter

Copiah-Lincoln Community College, Wesson Campus
Dr. Howell C. Garner, President
Mr. Russell Ray, Ms. Lea Ann Knight
& Mr. Randy Castilaw, Advisors

Major: Communications, Public Relations, Counseling
GPA: 4.0
Hometown: Meadville

OTHA L. KELLY
Alpha Beta Xi Chapter



Hinds Community College, Utica Campus
Dr. Clyde Muse, President
Dr. Gloria Daniels, Ms. Ammie McCurley, &
Ms. Barbara Stokes, Advisors

Major: Food Production & Management
GPA: 3.8
Hometown: Jackson

PHI THETA KAPPA ALL-USA ACADEMIC TEAM

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The All-State Academic Team program is designed to provide similar recognition to two-year college scholars and their institutions on a state level. Mississippi was one of the states to pilot the All-State program in 1994. There are currently 35 states participating in the All-State Academic Team Recognition Program.

Since the inaugural All-USA Academic Team for Community and Junior Colleges in 1991, Mississippi has ranked in the top five states having students named to the All-USA Academic Team..

The following Mississippi community college students have been named to the **All-USA Academic Team** since its inception:

First Team		
Kimberly Wansley	Jones County Junior College	1991
Mary Clark	East Central Community College	1991
Tamara Cooper	East Central Community College	1992
Michael McMillan	Hinds Community College	1993
Matthew Calhoun	Southwest Mississippi Community College	1993
Madeline Zimmerman	Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College	1997
Leigh Hannah	Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College	1998
Daniel Osborne	Holmes Community College	1998
Tiffany Vines	Pearl River Community College	2000
Second Team		
Norma Sebren	Hinds Community College	1993
Jason Walton	Northwest Mississippi Community College	1994
James Redd	Jones County Junior College	1994
James Rawson	Meridian Community College	1999
Carolyn Matthews	Itawamba Community College	2000
Christopher Weems	East Central Community College	2000
Third Team		
Chastity Windham	Jones County Junior College	1993
Garrick Conner	Mississippi Delta Community College	1993
PeggyWhittington	Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College	1994
Cindy Sitzman	Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College	1996
Sharon Garner	Holmes Community College	1996
Judy Hession	Jones County Junior College	1999
Ashley Lee	Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College	2000
Tara Randolf	Holmes Community College	2000
David Tipton, III	Holmes Community College	2000
Honorable Mention		
David Batarseh	Meridian Community College	1994

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2014 All-Mississippi Community College Academic Team

State's Top Scholars Honored at Luncheon

All-Mississippi Community College Academic Team Named

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The All-Mississippi Academic Team Corporate Sponsors include: Platinum Level: *The Clarion-Ledger*; Gold Level: Hederman Brothers Printing and Sodexo (NEMSCC); Silver Level: Atmos Energy Corporation, Bancorp South, BankPlus, National Awards, Renasant Bank, Trustmark Bank, Valley Food Services, Inc., Sodexo (MSDCC); and Bronze Level: Booneville Rotary Club, Farmers & Merchants Bank, Hancock Bank, Howard Industries, South MS Electric Power Association.

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Delois Boyd
Coahoma Community College
Main Campus
Major: Elementary Education
Career Goal: Teach K-3 Elementary
Accomplishments: 2012 Presidential Award, 2012 English Award, 2012-13 Spanish Club Treasurer, Tutor



Jacob Tarver
Copiah-Lincoln Community College
Wesson Campus
Major: Business Administration
Career Goal: Business Owner of Exercise Facilities
Accomplishments: Dean's Scholarship, Lowery Memorial Scholarship, Mullen Memorial Scholarship, Trailblazers Student Ambassador VP, Phi Theta Kappa Eta Omega Chapter VP of Fellowship, Student Government Association Treasurer, American Heart Association Volunteer, Wesson Baptist Church Assistant Youth Faculty



Mary Margaret Bailey
East Central Community College
Main Campus
Major: Nursing
Career Goal: Nurse
Accomplishments: Warrior Corps Student Ambassador President, Student Body Association, Assistant Art Instructor for the Summer of Arts Program, Camp Counselor for Centri-Kid Church Group, Christmas Play Director



Rebecca Sepaugh
East Mississippi Community College
Golden Triangle
Major: Psychology
Career Goal: Doctor
Accomplishments: 2013 Honor Student of the Year, VP of Beta Iota Zeta Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa, College Completion Project Volunteer, Journey East Student Ambassador, Reality Fair Volunteer, Palmer Home Volunteer, Library Front Desk Clerk & Shelver, Student Art Studio Worker



Georgia Bailey Elizabeth Swinford
Hinds Community College
Raymond Campus
Major: Math
Career Goal: Teacher
Accomplishments: MS/LA Mathematical Association of Two-Year Colleges Scholarship, President Scholar, STEM Member, Leadership Conference & MS Governor's School, Executive Board Leader of Hinds Honors Program, Phi Theta Kappa Gamma Lambda Chapter Co-President, Student Voices Leaders, Tutor, Adopt-a-Highway Volunteer



Tyler Scruton
Holmes Community College
Ridgeland Campus
Major: Elementary Education
Career Goal: Elementary Teacher
Accomplishments: Presidents List, Phi Theta Kappa Member, Peer Tutor, Math & Science Club Member, Honors in Action Research Volunteer, Mission Work/Volunteer in Honduras



Sarah Guess
Itawamba Community College
Fulton Campus
Major: Nursing
Career Goal: Nurse Practitioner
Accomplishments: Freedman Scholarship, 2013-14 HEADWAE Honoree, Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges, Presidents List, Dorm Resident Assistant



Zachary Warren
Jones County Junior College
Main Campus
Major: History
Career Goal: Teacher
Accomplishments: Letter J Award, Who's Who Among Students in American Junior Colleges, JCJC Hall of Fame, IT Workstudy Manager, Phi Theta Kappa Rho Sigma Chapter



Dylan Ray Boyd
Meridian Community College
Main Campus
Major: Computer Engineering
Career Goal: Software Engineer
Accomplishments: Presidents List, MCC Gold Scholarship, MCC Foundation Scholarship, Honors College, Phi Theta Kappa Nu Upsilon Chapter Officer & Webmaster, Math/English Peer



Jesse Burkett
Mississippi Delta Community College
Greenville Higher Education Center
Major: Business Administration
Career Goal: Human Resources Director
Accomplishments: MDCC Presidential Scholarship, MDCC Presidents List, English Composition II Achievement Award, Phi Theta Kappa Beta Rho

Phi Theta Kappa Upsilon Sigma Chapter President, All-American Band Member, Big Brother Big Sister Program, Peer Tutor

Director of College Project & Technical Services, Project Officium Founder and Chairman

Tutor, American Breast Cancer Society Volunteer



Tina Nguyen

Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College
Jackson County Campus
Major: Pre-Med/History
Career Goal: Physician
Accomplishments: Achievement Award for Honors Biology Cooperative Internship, Certificate of Excellence for General Psychology, Honors Program Member, Phi Theta Kappa Pi Epsilon Chapter VP of Scholarship, Published by Academy of Sciences, Jackson County Literacy Council volunteer



Blanton Price Coleman

Northeast Mississippi Community College
Main Campus
Major: Biological Studies
Career Goal: Conservation of Endangered Species
Accomplishments: Presidents Scholar List, Dean's List, Phi Theta Kappa Iota Zeta Chapter VP of Service, Mathematics Peer Tutor, Baptist Student Union Member, Art Club Member, Boys & Girls Club Committee Chair, American Red Cross Blood Drive Volunteer



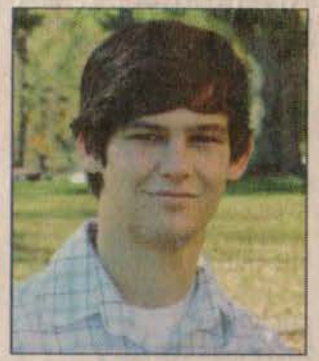
Rebekah Bosley

Northwest Mississippi Community College
Desoto Campus
Major: General Studies
Career Goal: Protocol Officer
Accomplishments: Presidential Scholarship, Phi Theta Kappa Alpha Gamma Chi Chapter VP of Community Service, Disciple Now Leader, Feed the Need Thanksgiving Mission Coordinator, Disaster Team Deployment Volunteer



Tiffany Tucker

Pearl River Community College
Poplarville Campus
Major: English
Career Goal: Teacher and Editor
Accomplishments: Presidents List Scholar, Phi Theta Kappa Iota Mu Chapter Co-President, Head Manager of Spirit of the River Marching Band, Writer for *The Drawl* college newspaper, Baptist Student Union Bible Study Leader



Landon N. Mabile

Southwest Mississippi Community College
Main Campus
Major: Pre-Engineering
Career Goal: Mechanical Engineer
Accomplishments: Phi Theta Kappa Omicron Delta Chapter Vice President of Service, Calculus I Award, Calculus II Award, Quiz Bowl Scholar, Eucharistic Minister

ALL-MISSISSIPPI ACADEMIC TEAM
COMMUNITY & JUNIOR COLLEGES
2014
PHI THETA KAPPA SOCIETY

All-Mississippi Academic 20th Anniversary Second Team

Kevin Campbell
Copiah-Lincoln Community College Natchez Campus

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Kasey McWilliams
Copiah-Lincoln Community College Simpson County Campus

Christy Wilson
Copiah-Lincoln Community College Simpson County Campus

Erin Whittington
Copiah-Lincoln Community College Wesson Campus

Jacob Oliver
East Central Community College Main Campus

Rachel Clay
East Mississippi Community College Scooba Campus

Laura Hull
East Mississippi Community College Scooba Campus

Chloe Loving
Hinds Community College Jackson ATC Campus

Tikeshay Fleming
Hinds Community College Nursing Allied Health Center

Lauren Wiles
Hinds Community College Nursing Allied Health Center

Jennifer Powell
Hinds Community College Rankin Campus

Frances Smith
Hinds Community College Rankin Campus

Thomas Allan Harris
Hinds Community College Raymond Campus

Christine Councell
Hinds Community College Utica Campus

Antonyia Grissom
Hinds Community College Vicksburg Campus

Heather Sit
Hinds Community College Vicksburg Campus

Mark Talbot Buys, Jr.
Holmes Community College Goodman Campus

Andrew Lobell
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Itawamba Community College Tupelo Campus

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Paige Davis
Meridian Community College Main Campus

Pamela Williams
Mississippi Delta Community College Greenville Higher Education Center

Kelly Slater
Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College Jackson County Campus

Robert Buntyn
Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College Jefferson Davis Campus

Jamie Hanna
Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College Jefferson Davis Campus

Mary Kaitlyn Benton
Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College Perkinston Campus

Dayna Paslay
Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College Perkinston Campus

Joseph Riley Alef
Northeast Mississippi Community College Main Campus

Jeromy Payne
Northwest Mississippi Community College Senatobia Campus

Hannah Simpson
Northwest Mississippi Community College Senatobia Campus

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Pearl River Community College Forrest County Center

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CHAPTER HIGHLIGHTS FOR 2001-2002

Named 5-Star Chapter in Five Star Chapter Development Program
Hosted the MS/LA Regional Leadership Conference
Homecoming Mum Sale
Adopt-A-Highway Certificate of Appreciation
Christmas Treats for ECCC Child Care students
Attended MS/LA Regional Convention in Biloxi
- Most Distinguished Chapter Award – Runner-Up
- Fellowship Hallmark Award
- Leonard Travel Award

Attended International Convention in Denver
- Freeman Science Award
- Leadership Hallmark Award
- Top Twenty-five Chapter Award

Attended the MS/LA-AL Mini-Honors Institute
North Alabama University – Florence, AL
Participated in the Scholarship Campaign - Jackson, MS
"Let's Get Motivated" – Eta Omega Regional Seminar
Presented Roses and Breakfast Goodies to the International Office Staff on Founders Day
Hosted Founders Day Reception
Hosted Mississippi Humanities Teacher of the Year Reception
Hosted Smithsonian Institute "Produce for Victory" Exhibit
Attended "Brown Bag" Seminars – Sister Chapter Nu Upsilon
Sister Chapter "Day at the Smithsonian" visit
Hosted Satellite Seminar "The Livable Urban Community"
Appreciation Breakfast – Celebrating 100th Anniversary of the Two-Year College
Decorated for: Awards Day, Graduation, Homecoming Luncheon, Beauty Pageant.
Adopt-A-Highway Project
Movie Night - *My Dog Skip*
Decatur Lions Club Sight Awareness
Food Drive for Wesley House
Clothing Drive for Wesley House
Blood Drive
Book Drive for Local Library
School Supplies for Conehatta Indian School

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THETA XI CHAPTER
EAST CENTRAL COMMUNITY COLLEGE
DECATUR, MISSISSIPPI 39327

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DECATUR, MISSISSIPPI

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Service	Matt Davis
Fellowship	Jessica Eakes
Secretary/Treasurer	Daniel Pearce
Secretary MS/LA Regional	Lana Rogers
Advisors	Mrs. Christy Ferguson Dr. Shelby Harris



PHI THETA KAPPA
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THETA XI CHAPTER
JANUARY 22, 2002

Welcome	Mrs. Christy Ferguson Theta Xi Advisor
Response	Dr. Phil Sutphin President, ECCC
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	Mr. Glen Hansford Ms. Vickie Sinclair International Phi Theta Kappa Office, Jackson, MS
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Special Recognitions	Dr. Shelby Harris
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JANUARY 22, 2002

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Kimberly Alford
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Jonathan Bates
Kara Beasley
Heather Brantley
Joe Breedlove
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James Cowart
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Kristen Gardner
Bethany Garrison
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Erica Hall
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Phi Theta Kappa International Honor Society administers the All-State and All-USA Academic Team Programs from its Jackson-based Headquarters. The first All-State Academic Team Program was launched in 1994 in Mississippi. This year, 33 states will sponsor All-State Academic Team programs using the All-Mississippi program as a model.



Holli Adams

College: Copiah-Lincoln Community College
Hometown: Brookhaven
GPA: 4.0
Major: Mechanical engineering, mathematics
Career Goal: Engineer, mathematician
Achievements: Co-captain women's varsity tennis team, All-Region and national ranking in both singles and doubles; Phi Theta Kappa vice president, volunteer math and science tutor, All-American Scholar, Pee Wee basketball coach and official, Guistwhite Scholarship Finalist.



Aaron Davis

College: East Central Community College
Hometown: Decatur
GPA: 4.0
Major: Mechanical engineering
Career Goal: Engineer
Achievements: Alpha Alpha Epsilon president, Phi Theta Kappa vice president, Warrior Corps, band trumpet section leader, monitor of Bluebird Conservation Trail, Mu Alpha Theta reporter, ECCC Chemistry Award.



-State Academic Team



Jennifer Boler
College: Holmes Community College, Grenada
Hometown: Vaiden
GPA: 4.0
Major: Biological engineering, pre-med
Career Goal: Sports medicine, orthopedic surgeon
Achievements: Phi Theta Kappa vice president, Student Government Association vice president, Operation Christmas Child Campaign and Make a Difference Book Drive chairperson, Holmes English Composition Award, Holmes Community College ambassador.



Michelle Bonham
College: Northwest Mississippi Community College, Senatobia
Hometown: Walls
GPA: 4.0
Major: Biology, physics
Career Goal: College professor, science research
Achievements: Math and Science Club president, Phi Theta Kappa historian, biology department assistant, blood donor, St. Jude Walk-a-Thon, Student Executive Council secretary, authored crosswalk proposal, President's List.



Sally Cole
College: Coahoma Community College
Hometown: Lambert
GPA: 3.72
Major: Early childhood education
Career Goal: Educator
Achievements: President of adult choir, Social Science club, youth Bible class instructor, Science & Math club, Who's Who Among Students in American Junior Colleges, church activity director, Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society.



Alison Davis
College: Meridian Community College
Hometown: Meridian
GPA: 4.0
Major: Mathematics education, counselor education
Career Goal: University or community college education counselor
Achievements: New Century Scholar, College for Kids group leader, President's List, Lady Eagles softball team, Future Teacher's Association public relations officer, Phi Theta Kappa chapter and regional president, Preview Day planning committee chairperson, Big Brothers Big Sisters mentor.



Tucker English
College: Pearl River Community College
Hometown: Columbia
GPA: 4.0
Major: Architecture
Career Goal: Industrial architect
Achievements: Raine Street Community Center mentor, Coordinated fund raising activities for The Borough of Manhattan Community College in New York, Phi Theta Kappa vice president for scholarship, Leadership Scholarship recipient, Campus-wide Recycling committee.



Cynthia Maxcy
College: Itawamba Community College, Fulton
Hometown: Tupelo
GPA: 3.9
Major: Interior design
Career Goal: Entrepreneur
Achievements: ICC Diamond Girls, Political Science club treasurer, yearbook staff writer, Field & Stream club shooting sports volunteer, Leadership Scholarship, Phi Theta Kappa president, Touched by an Angel Horse Show, Indian Delegation recruiter.









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Morgan McPhail

College: East Mississippi Community College
Hometown: Collinsville
GPA: 4.0
Major: Political science, education
Career Goal: College professor
Achievements: Guistwhite Scholar, Fellowship of Christian Athletes president, softball team captain, Student Government Association president, East Mississippi Community College Homecoming Queen, EMCC Top Academic Freshman Female Athlete.



Emily Perry

College: Southwest Mississippi Community College
Hometown: Crosby
GPA: 3.9
Major: History
Career Goal: Child abuse lawyer
Achievements: Student Government Association president, Bear Tracker, Phi Theta Kappa president, Freshman Class president, SMCC Student of the Year, organizer of fundraising for the national relief funds for New York and the Pentagon, Bike-a-thon volunteer.



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College: M
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Second Team:

Shane Adams
Southwest Mississippi Community College, Summit

Richard Beckham
Mississippi Delta Community College, Moorehead

Yasir Bhatty
Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College, Jackson County

Wendy Cook
Hinds Community College, Vicksburg

Abbie Foster
Jones County Junior College, Ellisville

Pearl Goodwin
Hinds Community College, Vicksburg

Heather Harrell
Hinds Community College, Rankin

Michael Harrison
Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College, Jefferson Davis

Tameka Henderson
Hinds Community College, Utica

Ryan Holmes
Pearl River Community College, Popiarville

Aaron Hudson
Holmes Community College, Ridgeland

William Johnson
Northeast Mississippi Community College

Melanie Key
East Mississippi Community College, Scooba

Sarah Kolenda
Itawamba Community College, Fulton

Lolita Mason-Fields
Hinds Community College, Nursing/Allied Health

Lucas Mesquita
Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College, Perkinston

Ardra Morgan
East Mississippi Community College-Golden Triangle

Issac Morgan
Northwest Mississippi Community College, Senatobia

Meredith Murphy
East Mississippi Community College-Golden Triangle

Alaina Porter
Hinds Community College, Raymond

Dorothy Ray
Itawamba Community College, Tupelo

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Copiah-Lincoln Community College, Natchez

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Meridian Community College, Meridian

Lasondra Storey
Hinds Community College, Nursing/Allied Health

Emily Sumrall
Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College, Jefferson Davis

Anthony Warren
Hinds Community College, Raymond

Karen Worrell
Holmes Community College, Goodman

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Robert Miles
College: Hinds Community College, Rankin
Hometown: Morton
GPA: 3.64
Major: Pre-law, political science
Career Goal: Private practice attorney
Achievements: Associated Student Government service projects committee chair, Phi Theta Kappa president, Stewpot canned food drive leader, Walk to Cure Juvenile Diabetes, Outstanding Student Leadership Award, Alpha Omicron Omega president.



Matthew Mooney
College: Copiah-Lincoln Community College, Wesson
Hometown: Brookhaven
GPA: 3.75
Major: Business Administration
Career Goal: Financial management
Achievements: Golf team placing 2nd in MS State Division III JUCO Golf Championship, Phi Theta Kappa president, Christian Leadership Camp counselor, After School Recreation Program co-coordinator, orientation facilitator, Trailblazers, elected Mr. Co-Lin.



Dana Morris
College: Northeast Mississippi Community College
Hometown: Rienzi
GPA: 3.9
Major: Secondary English Education
Career Goal: High school or college educator
Achievements: Community College Scholars Bowl team captain, Student Government Association dormitory representative, Phi Theta Kappa reporter, plays clarinet in marching/symphonic band, computer basics tutor, church nursery aide.



Rebecca Pounders
College: Jones County Junior College
Hometown: Laurel
GPA: 4.0
Major: Biological engineering
Career Goal: Math or science educator
Achievements: Baptist Student Union ministry chairman, Scholars Bowl team member placing fifth in state, established tutoring program for the Center for the Prevention of Child Abuse, Assistant Acteens leader, served as summer missionary in Billings, Montana.



Rowland Roberson
College: Mississippi Delta Community College, Moorhead
Hometown: Greenville
GPA: 3.78
Major: Pre-med
Career Goal: Surgeon
Achievements: Football team captain, Special Olympics volunteer, Physics Achievement Award, Fellowship of Christian Athletes, Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society, reading volunteer at Armstrong Elementary School.



Tara Rosenberg
College: Holmes Community College, Goodman
Hometown: Yazoo City
GPA: 4.0
Major: Microbiology
Career Goal: Medical doctor
Achievements: Academic Bowl Team captain, Math and Combined Science Club president, Phi Theta Kappa vice president, Camp Barnabas volunteer, Habitat for Humanity, Creative Writing Contest honorable mention, math and science tutor.

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: World Health Organization worker
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student worker, Ocean Action Network
onservatory volunteer, President's List,
ppa president, English tutor, coastal beach
unteer.

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College: Coahoma Community College
GPA: 3.947
Major: English
Career Goal: English instructor and education principal
Achievements: Phi Theta Kappa Chapter President, ACT Academic Scholarship, Ambassador Scholarship, Who's Who Among American Junior College Students, Student Ambassador Vice President, Youth Group Leader and Mentor, Clerical Volunteer for Habitat for Humanity, Voter Registration Volunteer



Jessica Fleming
College: Hinds Community College Raymond Campus
GPA: 3.858
Major: Psychology
Career Goal: Clinical psychologist
Achievements: Hinds Community College Outstanding Student Award, Who's Who Among American Community and Junior College Students, Dean's Scholar, Leadership Scholarship, Phi Theta Kappa Chapter President, Associated Student Government, Honors

All-Mississippi Academic Team



Kelly Stelzriede

College: Copiah-Lincoln Community College Wesson Campus
GPA: 4.00
Major: Computer Science
Career Goal: Community College Instructor
Achievements: New Century Scholar, Leaders of Promise Scholarship, Coca-Cola Two-Year Scholarship, W. S. Henley Memorial Scholarship, First Place Phi Beta Lambda State Leadership Conference Web Site Development, Phi Theta Kappa Chapter Most Outstanding Member, Vice President of Leadership, and MS/LA Regional President, Phi Beta Lambda Webmaster, The Wolf Tales Editor, Brookhaven Animal Rescue League Volunteer, Keep America Beautiful Volunteer, American Cancer Society Volunteer



Joshua Skinner

College: East Central Community College
GPA: 4.00
Major: Pre-Medicine
Career Goal: Forensic scientist
Achievements: ACT Scholarship, Presidential Scholarship, Citizens Bank of Philadelphia Scholarship, Frank Edwin & Nema Holt Leatherwood Award for Biological Sciences, Phi Theta Kappa Public Relations Officer, Wo-He-Lo Photographer, Campus and Community Beautification Volunteer



Larry Taylor Ray

College: East Mississippi Community College Scooba Campus
GPA: 3.842
Major: Political Science
Career Goal: Politician
Achievements: Legislative Guest Speaker, President's List, National Dean's List, The Award, Who's Who Among American Junior College Students, Student Government Association President, Phi Theta Kappa Chapter Vice President, EMCC Publications Photographer, Hurricane Recovery Volunteer, Operation Christmas Child Volunteer, Breast Cancer Awareness Volunteer



Andrew Nail

College: Holmes Community College Grenada Campus
GPA: 4.00
Major: Management
Career Goal: University instructor
Achievements: Nancy Grantham Scholarship, President's Scholarship, National Dean's List, Third Place MCCCWA Student Writing Competition, Student Body Homecoming Maid, Holmes Ambassadors, Phi Theta Kappa Chapter Vice-President of Leadership, Wesley



Edward Wunder

College: Itawamba Community College Fulton Campus
GPA: 4.00
Major: Mathematics
Career Goal: Professor and researcher
Achievements: 2007 HEADWAE Award, Third Place 2006 Mississippi State Programming Contest, Scholar's Bowl Team, ACT Scholarship, Phi Theta Kappa, Student Tutor, Physics Lab Assistant Volunteer, Youth Mentor, Hurricane Relief Volunteer



Amanda Bergin

College: Jones County Junior College
GPA: 4.00
Major: Speech Pathology
Career Goal: Speech pathologist
Achievements: M. P. Cates Scholarship, Band Scholarship, Letter "J" Award, Maroon Typhoon Color Guard Captain, Phi Theta Kappa Mississippi/Louisiana Regional Secretary, Special Olympics Volunteer, Ellisville Elementary School Mentor, Baptist Student Union Nursing Home Ministry

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Kristina Wood
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East MS Community College
Golden Triangle Campus

Ben Williams
East MS Community College
Golden Triangle Campus

Anna Olivia Reed
East MS Community College
Scooba Campus

Sara Hodges
Hinds Community College
NAHC Campus

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Hinds Community College
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Cindy Holton
Hinds Community College
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Hinds Community College
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Hinds Community College
Utica Campus

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Meridian Community College

Caroline Oakes
Mississippi Delta Community College
Moorhead Campus

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Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College
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Margaret Caplin
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Pearl River Community College
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Amanda Strong
Pearl River Community College
Hattiesburg Campus

Daniel Wise
Pearl River Community College
Poplarville Campus



Daniel Culpepper

College: Meridian Community College
GPA: 4.00
Major: Business Administration
Career Goal: Corporate business management
Achievements: Phi Theta Kappa Chapter Executive Board Member, National Dean's List, President's List, Ralph E. Young Scholarship, Relay For Life Volunteer, Mississippi Communications Association Guest Speaker, Meridian Community College Chorus, Campus Beautification Volunteer, Challenger League Volunteer, Youth Worship Leader



Michael Azlin

College: Northwest Mississippi Community College Senatobia Campus
GPA: 4.00
Major: Mathematics
Career Goal: Community college mathematics instructor
Achievements: Presidential Scholarship, Outstanding Student Leadership Award, 2006 Ken Wooten Scholars Bowl Winner, Who's Who Among Students in American Junior Colleges, Hall of Fame, Phi Theta Kappa Chapter Member, Mu Alpha Theta Chapter President, Student Government Association, Mathematics Support Lab Tutor

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Daniel Gilmer

College: Mississippi Delta Community College Moorhead Campus
GPA: 3.911
Major: Pre-medicine
Career Goal: Optometrist
Achievements: Presidential Scholarship, MDCC Baseball Scholarship, Phi Theta Kappa Chapter Member, MDCC Baseball Pitcher, Deer Creek School Fund Raiser Volunteer, Relay For Life Volunteer, Food Drive Volunteer



Kristi Hatten

College: Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College Perkinston Campus
GPA: 4.00
Major: Biological Science
Career Goal: Physical therapist
Achievements: Deans Scholarship, Honors Program, Stone County Economic Development Scholarship, President's List Scholar, Campus Reflections Team Liaison, Phi Theta Kappa Chapter Vice-President of Leadership, Big Level Baptist Church "Team Kids" Recreation Director and Media Operator, Sunday School Teacher



Russell Whitten

College: Northeast Mississippi Community College Booneville Campus
GPA: 3.41
Major: Pre-Medicine
Career Goal: Optometrist
Achievements: ACT Scholarship, Kiwanas Scholarship, Hall-Adams Scholarship, Phi Theta Kappa Chapter President, Fisher's of Men National Tournament Trail Volunteer, Church and Open League Softball Volunteer Coach, American Cancer Society Fundraiser Volunteer



Michelle Guzman

College: Pearl River Community College Poplarville Campus
GPA: 4.00
Major: Business Administration
Career Goal: Business
Achievements: MCCCWA Honorable Mention Award, Creative Writing Special Honors Award, President's List, Honors Scholarship, Phi Theta Kappa Chapter Co-Vice President of Scholarship



John Hedges

College: Southwest Mississippi Community College Summit Campus
GPA: 3.92
Major: Chemical Engineering
Career Goal: Research & development in nanotechnology
Achievements: Sophomore Class Favorite, Scholar's Bowl Participant, Student Council Secretary, Bear Tracker's, Salvation Army Volunteer, Southwest Broadcasting Volunteer, Camp Providence Volunteer

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To: **College Presidents/Administrators/Phi Theta Kappa Advisors**
From: **Rod Risley, Executive Director**
Subject: **2008 All-USA Academic Team**
Date: **April 11, 2008**

We are pleased to provide you with the April 7, 2008, edition of USA TODAY newspaper, which includes coverage of the 2008 All-USA Academic Team for Community Colleges. This extraordinary recognition highlights the academic accomplishments of community and junior college students and the contributions they make within their communities.

This year's All-USA Academic Team reflects the wonderful diversity found in our community colleges. In addition to the sixty students recognized by USA TODAY, nominees to the program were recognized in All-State Academic Team programs held in 35 states. Many All-State programs offer students academic scholarships, stipends, newspaper coverage, medallions and certificates.

Please take a moment to write the individuals listed below to express appreciation for the unprecedented media exposure they provide our community colleges and students.

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2008 All-Mississippi Academic Team



Darrell Dixon

Coahoma Community College
GPA: 3.82
Major: Political Science
Career Goal: Attorney
Achievements: Wal-Mart Community Scholarship, Lawrence and Joel Davis Award, Bishop T.T. Schott Innovative Award, Principal's Award Scholarship, Student Government President, Students In Free Enterprise Team Leader, COGIC Club Chaplain, Adopt-A-School, Mentor



Anna Evans

Copiah-Lincoln Community College Wesson Campus
GPA: 3.71
Major: Nursing
Career Goal: Family Nurse Practitioner
Achievements: Leadership Scholarship, Salutatorian Scholarship, ACT Scholarship, President's List, Phi Theta Kappa Chapter Vice President of Scholarship, Sigma Kappa Delta Secretary/Treasurer, Honors College Founding Committee, Relay For Life Team Captain, Brookhaven Animal Rescue League, Walk for Wishes



Carole Beth Alexander

East Central Community College
GPA: 3.74
Major: Communications
Career Goal: Broadcast Journalist
Achievements: New Century Scholar, Presidential Scholarship, ACT Scholarship, Anne H. Burkes Phi Theta Kappa Scholarship, La-Z-Boy Scholarship, ECCC Player's Award, Phi Theta Kappa Chapter President, President's Council, Warrior Corps, Body Walk, Operation Christmas Child



James Kevin Towery

East Mississippi Community College Golden Triangle Campus
GPA: 3.83
Major: Local Area Networking
Career Goal: Instructor
Achievements: ACT Scholarship, Judicial Committee, Mr. EMCC Golden Triangle Campus, Student Government President, Association of Information Technology Professionals President, Columbus Lowndes Recreation Department Umpire, Adopt-A-Family



Kimberly Watson

Hinds Community College Raymond Campus
GPA: 3.66
Major: History
Career Goal: Secondary Education
Achievements: Ann Hardy Memorial Scholarship, Gold Congressional Award, Legislative Speaker, Outstanding Student Among Community and Junior Colleges, President's Scholar Award, Hinds Community College Leadership Program, Phi Theta Kappa Chapter President of Leadership, Phi Theta Kappa District Representative, Tutor, Blair E. Batson Volunteer, Mississippi 4-H State Council President



Christopher Prevost

Holmes Community College Goodman Campus
GPA: 3.31
Major: Architecture/Drafting
Career Goal: Architect
Achievements: President's List, Best Practice Award, Phi Theta Kappa Chapter President, Skills USA Chapter President, Hurricane Katrina Cleanup Volunteer, Engineering Technology Club



Carla Witt

Itawamba Community College Tupelo Campus
GPA: 4.0
Major: Information Technology
Career Goal: Information Technology Management
Achievements: Indian Delegation Student Recruitment Scholarship, Claude Faulkner Memorial Scholarship, President's List, CPNA President/Secretary, Tutor



Eric James

Jones County Junior College
GPA: 3.81
Major: Chemical Engineering
Career Goal: Pathologist
Achievements: Presidential Scholarship, Joanne and Ray Sims Award, ACT Scholarship, Ambassador Scholarship, Letter "J" Award, Engineering Club Secretary, JCJC Ambassadors, Habitat for Humanity Volunteer, Tutor



Juan Nicolas Zabrodiec

Meridian Community College
GPA: 4.0
Major: Civil Engineering
Career Goal: Engineer
Achievements: Leaders of Promise, Tennis Scholarship, Thomas Y. Minniece Memorial Scholarship, George J. Blackwell Scholarship, Phi Theta Kappa Chapter Officer, Classical Guitar Ensemble, Adopt-A-Highway Volunteer, Tutor



Katy Anne Spradlin

Mississippi Delta Community College
GPA: 4.0
Major: Pre-Health Science
Career Goal: Occupational Therapist
Achievements: Hall of Fame, Foundation Scholarship, Delta Dancer Scholarship, Delta Connection, Student Government Elections Commissioner, American Cancer Society Board Member, Humphrey County Hospital Volunteer



Rachelle Cooley

Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College
Jackson County Campus
GPA: 3.85
Major: Environmental Science
Career Goal: Researcher
Achievements: Explosion of Excellence Scholarship, Gautier Rotary Club Scholarship, Honors Program Scholarship, Achievement Award, Honors Program Member, Phi Theta Kappa Chapter Vice President of Membership, Mississippi District Teen Bible Quizzing Director, Cooperative Internship Program, American Cancer Society Volunteer



Cody Burchell

Northeast Mississippi Community College
Booneville Campus
GPA: 3.72
Major: Radiologic Technology
Career Goal: Health Science Administrator
Achievements: Maintenance Scholarship, Phi Theta Kappa Regional Officer and Chapter Vice President, Radiologic Technology Photon Club President, Relay For Life, Boys and Girls Club Volunteer



Mary Zluticky

Northwest Mississippi Community College
DeSoto Campus
GPA: 3.91
Major: Education/Teaching
Career Goal: Elementary Teacher
Achievements: Phi Theta Kappa Chapter Vice President of Leadership, Success Club, Campus Green Club, Student Government President, Tutor, Faith-In-Action Member, Cradle Roll Bible Class Teacher



Rachel Selzer

Pearl River Community College
Poplarville Campus
GPA: 3.89
Major: Accounting
Career Goal: Accountant
Achievements: American Competitive Grant, President's List, Dean's List, PRCC Presidential Scholarship, Phi Theta Kappa Chapter President, Student Government President, String of Pearls Dance Team Co-Captain, Relay For Life



Carolita Yoder

Southwest Mississippi Community College
Summit Campus
GPA: 4.0
Major: Pre-Medicine
Career Goal: Pediatrician
Achievements: Presidential Scholarship, President's List, Phi Theta Kappa Chapter Public Relations Officer, Whispering Pines Assistant Editor, Bear Tracker Member, Volunteer Fire Department, Habitat for Humanity Volunteer, Harvest Camp



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